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"It's actually pretty potent — not the mourning part, but looking at life as cyclical."

— Mary Jo Mishork, teacher, describing students' experience at Oakland exhibit



JOANNA JHANDIA/STAFF

FIFTH-GRADERS in Mary Jo Mishork's class at St. Jerome School in El Cerrito show off skeletons like the ones they made for the Days of the Dead exhibit at the Oakland Museum. Her students go to see the exhibit every year; this year, the class was chosen to take part in it.

Oakland museum show includes student works

■ El Cerrito fifth-graders contribute to annual Dias de los Muertos exhibit

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

Taking a field trip to the Dias de los Muertos exhibit at the Oakland Museum has been an annual tradition for the fifth-graders in teacher Mary Jo Mishork's class at St. Jerome School in El Cerrito.

This year's trip will be a little different. Students won't just be looking at the exhibit; their work will be part of the show.

The class was chosen to prepare ofrendas (offerings) for a columbarium that will be part of the exhibit, which marks the Day of the Dead.

The tradition of honoring the deceased has been observed in what is now Mexico for more than 3,000 years.

The exhibition, titled "Laughing Bones/Weeping Hearts," will open Wednesday, and run through Dec. 3 in the History Special Gallery at the museum, 1000 Oak St. in Oakland.

The student-artists will attend the opening, and they will be at the museum to talk about their work from 4 to 7 p.m. on

Nov. 3.

For the exhibit, the students worked on a Mourning Hearts Cemetery and a Happy Bones Amusement Park.

Individual ofrendas were made for school secretary Diane Shaughnessy, who died this past summer, for victims of disease and pollution, for Steve Irwin (aka the "Crocodile Hunter") and for deceased pets.

"It's whimsical, it's colorful, it's not scary at all," Mishork said.

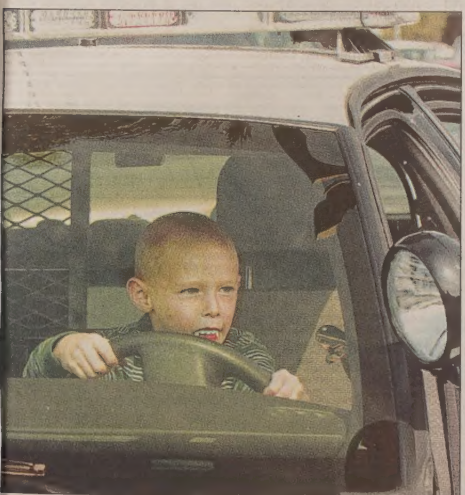
The annual class trip grew into something larger after Mishork heard that the museum was looking for young people to participate and wrote a letter stating her interest.

Studying the celebration and creating the skeleton figures has been "like an experience that's really gone into their lives," Mishork said.

"It's actually pretty potent — not the mourning part, but looking at life as cyclical."

To learn more about the museum exhibit, call 510-238-2200 or visit www.museumca.org.

Reach Chris Treadway at ctreadway@ctimes.com or 510-262-2784.



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

Officer in training

DONALD MCNABB, 6, of Richmond, flashes his plastic vampire teeth while taking the wheel of one of the many police vehicles on hand for Tri-City Safety Day at El Cerrito Plaza last Saturday. The event, sponsored by the El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington fire departments, offered a chance to get to know and learn about safety issues from local police and fire agencies. Public safety celebrity mascots Smokey Bear, Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog also made appearances.

Preschool's prospects for new home up in air

■ Montessori school's plan to relocate to Marin Avenue runs into neighborhood objection; move deadline looms

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

The clock is ticking on Bright Star Montessori School in Albany. The preschool, kindergarten and day care needs to move out of its current site, which it shares with MacGregor High School, by the end of December.

After eight years of searching for a new place in Albany, El Cerrito or Berkeley, the school has found only one property that could possibly work: a church across Santa Fe Avenue from Marin Elementary School.

"At this point, we have not found any other options," said

Swarna Matz, director of the school, where about 75 percent of the 30 children are Albany residents.

Last month, the Planning & Zoning Commission green-lighted the school's move to the property, the former location of the Church of Christ of Albany.

Now, the move is in jeopardy. Two residents who live on Santa Fe have signed an appeal of the commission's ruling, asking

the City Council to overturn the decision and to deny the project.

The appeal is tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council on Oct. 16.

"It seems to us that this is a shoe-horn project," states the appeal. "The project proponent is trying to fit too much in too small a space, and requesting too many modifications to the Zoning

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NEW STATE PARK STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

ALAN LEAVITT, above left, and **Jeanne Clark** visit Eastshore State Park prior to its dedication ceremony along a 17-acre slice of the Berkeley Meadow on Wednesday. Below, a fisherman casts off a bank. The Meadow is the first developed section of the 2,200-acre park.

Berkeley Meadow opens at long last

■ Originally part of Bay, the restored meadow once served as a garbage dump

By Denis Cuff
and Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITERS

The skies were overcast but the mood was sunny as VIPs and ordinary folks rubbed shoulders Wednesday morning at the opening of a 17-acre slice of the Berkeley Meadow as the first developed part of the Eastshore State Park, which stretches from Oakland to Richmond.

Originally part of the Bay, the meadow was filled in a century ago to make a garbage dump. In the 1960s, developers proposed constructing a huge shopping center and office complex on the site, but a citizens' revolt stopped that plan cold.



The loudest cheers of the day were for the leader of that revolt, 89-year-old Sylvia McLaughlin of Berkeley, founder of Save the Bay. "This has been about 40 years

coming," she said. "But it's only the first step. Now we have to transform this land so it looks like a real park, rather than a linear vacant lot."

Assemblyman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley/El Cerrito, who was mayor of Berkeley during the 1980s when the struggle to create the 2,200-acre, 8.5-mile long park was being waged, sounded relieved.

"I have watched this park grow, parcel by parcel, improvement by improvement, lawsuit by lawsuit," she said.

Her husband, Berkeley's current mayor, Tom Bates, called the day "the proudest moment of my career."

Bates wrote the original enabling legislation in the 1970s, when he was a state assemblyman. Then, as a member of the Budget Committee, he set aside money for the park year after year whenever the voters passed a new bond measure.

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Revenues up, costs down for Albany

■ Council to get a revised budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year; no cuts may be necessary, city official says

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

Albany saw more pluses and fewer minuses in the past fiscal year. And it all has added up to a better-than-expected financial situation.

Here's the bottom line: The city's General Fund balance increased \$219,405, according to the unaudited results for the fiscal year ending June 30. The budget adopted in June 2005 projected a \$23,019 net increase in

the fund balance.

Revenues were greater than expected, and costs were lower than anticipated.

"It means that the city did what it said it was going to do in terms of services, and it did it without overspending," Charlie Adams, the city's finance and administrative services director, said in an interview. He said the num-

bers also mean the city is "sitting on a sound financial basis."

On Tuesday night, the City Council accepted the unaudited financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30 and approved an updated schedule of interfund transfers.

Total revenues of nearly \$12.9 million were almost \$1.2 million greater than what was budgeted. All areas of revenue exceeded the amounts included in the budget,

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Albany

City moves ahead with possible street closures

The Albany City Council has confirmed its previous decision to explore possible street closures at the city's northern border.

The City Council unanimously approved initiating an amendment to the general plan and an environmental review for the proposed closure of Cornell, Talbot and Evelyn avenues at the city's northern border, with the 400 block of Kains Avenue to remain open.

The City Council also authorized the environmental review document to evaluate the partial blocking of the 500 block of Kains at the northern end as well as allowing two-way traffic with adequate access for emergency vehicles and trucks such as garbage trucks.

The council also authorized the environmental review document to look at traffic-calming measures as an alternative to closing streets.

— Justin Hill

Mayor invites residents for coffee

Albany Mayor Allan Maris is inviting city residents to have coffee with him and discuss local issues from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the PriPri cafe.

The cafe is located at 1309 Solano Ave. There is room for eight to 10 people at the table.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito/Kensington

Fire stations to host open house

The public is invited for an open house at fire stations in El Cerrito and Kensington from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The open house is being held as part of Fire Prevention Week, which will be held from Oct. 7-15.

Firefighters will conduct tours of each station, answer questions, and offer safety information. There will be fire hats, balloons, a visit with Sparky the Fire Dog, and refreshments will be served.

The stations are located at 10900 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito; 1520 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito; and 217 Arlington Ave. in Kensington.

For information, call the El Cerrito Fire Department at 215-4450.

— Chris Treadway

Memorial bus shelter planned for couple

The Rogers' Memorial Committee, a group of El Cerrito residents working to erect a bus shelter as a memorial to a couple slain in January, is raising funds for the project.

The committee is encouraging people to send donations to Mo and Parissa Samimi at 1401 Rifle Range Road, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

The committee is also holding a garage sale on Oct. 14 at the corner of Arlington Boulevard and Buckingham Drive, the site of the bus shelter to honor Paul and Julie Rogers.

To donate to that event or to give money, please call Sue Kaplan at 510-236-5006.

The Rogers were killed Jan. 31 at a home they were renting on Rifle Range Road while their residence on Bel View Court was being remodeled.

— Justin Hill

Business reception scheduled for Oct. 13

The second annual El Cerrito Business Reception is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane.

The event, which is scheduled to run from 5:30 to 8 p.m., is an opportunity for business owners to network with each other, learn about free business-assistance resources, and meet the mayor and other city officials. Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be served.

R.S.V.P. by contacting Susan Griffin by phone at 510-215-4380 or by e-mail at sgriffin@el-cerrito.ca.us.

— Justin Hill

Screening of 'An Inconvenient Truth' today

Arlington Community Church in Kensington is offering a free screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," a documentary of Al Gore's campaign to make the issue of global warming recognized around the world, at 7 p.m. today.

A moderated discussion will follow.

Arlington Community Church is located at 52 Arlington Ave. For more information, call 510-526-9146.

— Justin Hill

CORRECTION

A news brief in the Sept. 29 edition of The Journal incorrectly stated the amount the city of El Cerrito received from a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The city received \$1.8 million for improvements to AC Transit bus stops and the development of pedestrian and streetscape improvements along San Pablo Avenue in the area of the El Cerrito Plaza BART station.

Authors share educational techniques

"Designed for administrators, teachers, librarians, PTA members, youth group leaders, and anyone interested in hosting author and illustrator visits, the reception will feature exhibits and sample presentations by more than 30 local authors and illustrators."

— Press release

ON SATURDAY, I spent a few hours in the multipurpose room of Kennedy Elementary School in Newark. This large room, with three basketball hoops, soft blue corduroy-like wall coverings and blue and black stripes on the marbled linoleum floor, gives weight to the word multipurpose, since on this Saturday it was filled with children's book authors and illustrators.

Long tables displayed their books, while teachers, bookstore owners and librarians read handouts, chatted, and ate a variety of well-chosen snacks and drinks.

The occasion for this was the "fifth annual WIN Guide Reception on Hosting Successful Author and Illustrator Visits," sponsored by the Northern California Children's Book-seller's Association (NCCBA) and the Writers and Illustrators



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

Network (WIN). This reception gave librarians like me a chance to get a sense of what these authors and illustrators are like, while being introduced to a range of books, from picture books to young adult novels.

There were some authors whose books I handle regularly, and others who weren't as familiar to me. And I was particularly struck by the interest many of them have in sharing their creative process with children. For instance, Linda Boyden — author of "The Blue Roses," a children's book about the death of a grandparent — had a large yellow plastic toolbox sitting on her table. She calls it her "Writer's Toolbox," and on the front of it are all sorts of quotes, like "There's no substitute for hard work" (Thomas Edison).

With her permission, I

opened it and looked inside, where I found such items as tape, erasers and pencils, as well as her two caps, a "Creativity Cap" and an "Editor's Cap." Linda explained that she uses this box in her "Author in the Classroom" program. During her talk, she dons the first cap and talks about the importance of just putting down ideas, with no worries about spelling or grammar. Then she dons the second one, and explains how to enforce what she calls the "Writing Rules," a process that can require a lot of hard work and many drafts.

As part of this presentation, she shows the various drafts of her own picture book, so the children can see that a book isn't finished in one sitting.

Jill Wolfson, author of "What I Call Life" and "Home, and Other Big Fat Lies," also speaks in schools. As she says in her handout: "My hope is to inspire young authors to believe in themselves, to find their own voice, and to see the wealth of stories in their own seemingly ordinary experiences."

Other authors I spoke to included the well-known Robert San Souci, who showed me

some wonderful flannel puppets based on his picture book "Zigzag," and Lynn Hazen, author of "Mermaid Mary Margaret" and "Buzz Bumble to the Rescue." One of Lynn's workshops involves making a life-size mermaid or merman, and she had samples of these brightly decorated creations. I even saw two local authors who frequent my own library, Elisa Kleven and Lea Lyon. It was interesting to see them in this other world.

I came away from this event impressed by the dedication of these artists, not just to children but also to the production of multicultural, socially aware and entertaining literature for children. And for the day I thank Ann Manheimer, who called me to let me know about this important event. It is thanks to writers like her, and independent booksellers, teachers and librarians, that quality children's books continue to make their way into the hands of our children.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17. Read past columns at www.juliewinkelstein.com

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

■ **SLASHED TIRES** — There were several incidences of tires being slashed on cars parked on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue during the night.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

■ **MONEY STOLEN** — A resident at 555 Pierce St. reported that someone entered his residence and stole money from his wife's purse. There were no witnesses.

■ **IPOD STOLEN** — Someone stole an iPod and adapter from a white 2000 Toyota Camry parked on the 1200 block of Washington Avenue.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Officers responded to several calls regarding someone causing a disturbance on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. A 40-year-old Albany man was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 3:30 a.m. a man was seen smashing the passenger-side window of a black

Ford pickup belonging to a Novato woman inside a floor-covering business on the 1000 block of Eastshore and stealing her purse from inside. Two witnesses described the subject as a black man wearing a red T-shirt, black pants and jacket. He was last seen riding south toward Gilman Avenue on a bike, and was gone when officers arrived.

■ **HIT AND RUN** — Officers responded to the parking lot of the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore on reports of a hit-and-run incident causing damage. They arrested an 18-year-old El Sobrante man matching the description near Buchanan Avenue and Pierce Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

■ **TOOLS STOLEN** — A resident on the 1000 block of Curtis Street reported that someone broke into his garage between 7 and 8 a.m. and stole some tools. There were no witnesses.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a bike from a residence on the 1000 block of Curtis Street.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

■ **DUI** — At about 1 a.m. officers stopped a silver 2002 Lexus near Brighton and San Pablo avenues for speeding. They arrested the driver, a 49-year-old Richmond woman, for DUI.

■ **PROWLER** — A resident on the 600 block of Adams Street reported that during the night someone entered his unlocked green 1976 BMW and prowled the interior. Nothing appeared to be missing.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m. officers stopped a 1998 Toyota near Marin and Evelyn avenues for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 26-year-old Oakland woman, for DUI when she failed the field sobriety test.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a silver 1979 Volkswagen Rabbit near San Pablo Avenue and Fairmont Avenue at about 2 a.m. for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 42-year-old El

Cerrito man, was arrested for DUI when he failed the field sobriety test.

■ **DUI** — At about 2:30 a.m. officers arrested a 45-year-old Oakland man driving a green 2000 Honda near San Pablo Avenue and University Avenue for DUI.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

■ **DUI** — At about 1 a.m. officers arrested a 25-year-old Oakland man driving a 2000 Volkswagen near Solano and San Pablo avenues for DUI.

■ **DUI** — Shortly before midnight officers arrested a 42-year-old Emeryville man driving a red 1988 Toyota near San Pablo Avenue and Cedar Street for DUI.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night someone broke into a black 2001 Volkswagen Jetta parked on the 1000 block of Curtis Street.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a black Honda Civic parked on the 700 block of Taft Street during the night.

— Kristina Gebro

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

■ **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Honda Accord was stolen from the 500 block of Kearney Street between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following day. The car was found on Sept. 28 about 2:15 p.m. on the 400 block of Kearney Street. It was missing its car stereo.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A coat and recycling cans were stolen from a vehicle on the 5400 block of Zara Street between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. the following day.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

■ **ARMED ROBBERY** — The Payless ShoeSource at 9901 San Pablo Ave. was robbed about 6 p.m. by a gunman who entered the store and ordered everyone to the ground. The gunman, described as black and in his mid 20s with long twisted hair, then allegedly had the manager open the cash drawer at gunpoint. The gunman was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, a black backpack and a baseball hat.

— Justin Hill

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Officials worry about construction program

School officials have expressed concern that public confidence in the West Contra Costa Unified School District's \$1 billion-plus bond construction program will wane if projects continue to surpass budget estimates and the board continues to approve facilities not originally on the construction list.

Bond Oversight Committee members, in a joint meeting with the school board last week, listened to a staff report on bond measures M, D and J that said increasing construction costs in California and the district's desire to use quality materials are reasons for school rebuilding projects exceeding budget.

District Engineering Officer

Bill Savidge said projected increases in construction costs likely will rise statewide by 7 percent in 2007 and 5 percent in 2008, and the district's total facilities need for improvements now more than \$1.8 billion.

Another bond will be required sometime after 2010 to complete the district's desired improvements, Savidge said.

Committee members agreed that increasing construction costs are inevitable but voiced frustration over recent board decisions to add projects such as El Cerrito High School's theater building to the list of projects without discussion on where the money would come from in the future.

— Kimberly S. Wet

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Neighbors

Animals get their blessings in Berkeley

NINE-YEAR-OLD Destiny Mann approached a little white Bichon Frise named Marcus, touched him with the tip of her sacramental stole, and solemnly intoned, "Bless you, my friend."

Her sister Sonya, 12, blessed Wilbur the chinchilla and two bunnies named Hazel and Fur with the same words.

Robinson Rosas, 9, blessed Smokey the dog and a goldfish to be named later.

It was the climax of the annual Blessing of the Animals and Insects last Sunday at Grace North Parish Church in Berkeley.

The oldest four-legged parishioner was Rosie, a 20-year-old Chihuahua.

"This could be her last year, so it was important for me to have her blessed," said her owner, Jody Hansell. "She's been a central part of my parents' and my lives."

Even a couple of cats named George and Jane showed up, despite felines' well-known aversion to traveling.

Spirit the horse, a mainstay at previous ceremonies, was a no-show this year because the car that hauls his horse trailer was rear-ended the previous weekend — much to the chagrin of his owner, 9-year-old Arielle Ambra.

So she brought a picture of him to be blessed, instead.

But Funny Face the llama was there. He was too shy to come inside, so he watched the proceedings through the door.

Each of the children went around the room blessing each of the animals. Then they all went outside and blessed Funny Face.

It's not uncommon for churches to hold animal blessing ceremonies at this time of year. Oct. 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, known for his love of animals.

But Grace North Church goes one better. Animals are considered part of the congregation year-round. Their names are listed on the parish roster, and they are regular participants at every Sunday service.

They are even given Communion — or, as the pastor, Rev. Richard Mapplebeckpalmer, calls it, "Holy Num-Nums."

"Marcus just adores Holy Num-Nums," said his owner, Christine Mann. "The trick is to keep him from eating everyone else's Holy Num-Nums, too."

It all started in 1996, when a parishioner started bringing her Airedale, Bonzo, to services.

Bonzo was a real gentleman, a sitting bolt upright in his pew and nodding to each member of the congregation as they came back to their seats after



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

taking Communion.

Then one day someone told Mapplebeckpalmer, "Father Richard, did you know that the moderator always takes a piece of the Holy Bread and slips it to Bonzo as he goes by?"

"I had only a moment to decide — should I approve or disapprove?" said Mapplebeckpalmer. "I realized I had no choice but to approve, on the grounds that this is the banquet of heaven, to which all creation is welcome."

The first blessing ceremony was held in October 1999.

"When I looked in their eyes, it was such a moving experience, I decided to tell people it was OK to bring their animals every Sunday. And they did."

Over the years, blessings have been bestowed on cockroaches, a sick rat named Squeakers (who subsequently had a miraculous recovery) and a pair of amorous rabbits.

"They spent the whole service cherishing each other, much to the amusement of the children," he said.

The church's pet-friendly attitude is a big reason why many people decided to join.

"I was a little apprehensive when I first came here with my dogs, but they made it clear to me that there was no behavior my animals could indulge in, short of biting someone, that would be problematic," said journalist/dog trainer Sasha Furman.

Some might find all this over the top, even blasphemous. But not Mapplebeckpalmer.

"The Gospel is about grace, not faith, and we are a community of grace," he said. "And my personal vision of the banquet of Heaven is that we're all gathered at the foot of the Cross, where no one is rejected, period."

Or, as the old Victorian hymn puts it, "All things bright and beautiful/All creatures great and small/All things wise and wonderful/The Lord God made them all."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 1-year-old gray/white female Shih Tzu; 3-year-old tan/white terrier mix; 2-year-old female Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever/yellow Lab mix; 1-year-old female brown and white American pit bull terrier; 2-year-old female brown Shepherd mix; year-old and 10-month-old black/white female border collie mix; 11-year-old male yellow Labrador retriever mix.

Cats: 1-year-old male brown tabby; 7-year-old female white/orange/black calico domestic short air (DSH); 5-year-old female gray/white domestic medium hair (DMH); 5-year-old female gray (MH); 3-year-old male brown tabby European short hair; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; year-old male brown tabby Norwegian forest mix; 5-year-old male gray/white DMH; 3-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 7-year-old male black/white DSH; year-old female black DSH; adult male gray DSH; 4-year-old male orange tabby DSH; 5-year-old male black/white DMH; 7-year-old male black/white domestic long hair (DLH); year-old female dilute tortoiseshell DSH; 5-year-old female black/white DSH; 2-year-old male gray tabby Tonkin mix; 1-year-old female gray tabby DSH; year-old male black/white DLH; year-old female tortie DSH; 4-year-old black DMH; 4-year-old female black DLH; 1-year-old female black/white DSH; 6-year-old female tabby Maine Coon mix; 3-year-old male white/or-



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

VERUCA is a 10-month-old border collie mix, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Vercuca has a wonderful disposition, but like all young dogs, she needs to learn some basic obedience and manners. It is recommended that she live in a household without young children. For more information on animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.acilibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry-writing workshop led by Alison Seevak from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ The library presents story times in English and Spanish for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Saturdays from Oct. 7 through Dec. 9 (except Nov. 25). This 30-minute drop-in program will include stories, songs and rhymes in both languages.

■ The first adult sing-along will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, featuring sing show tunes, rounds, old favorites, folk songs and more. This drop-in event will be held monthly, and is led by Dale Allen Boland, who has been sharing the joy of singing with East Bay singers for more than 15 years. Future sing-alongs will be Nov. 12 and Dec. 17. Weekly sing-alongs with Boland are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ Do you embroider, knit, crochet, tat or do other handicrafts? Then join the Sunday Circle and enjoy an hour of sharing ideas, inspiration and conversation.

Sorry, no instructions provided. Future 2006 dates are Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

■ The library offers free drop-in homework help for students in third through fifth grades. The Homework Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays (except county holidays) from 3 to 5 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required.

■ Readers with the Great Books Discussion club meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. to discuss selected books on this year's theme of "Parent and Child." The October book is "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams; the November book is "The Judgment" by Franz Kafka. Drop-ins are welcome.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave. 510-526-7512 or www.cclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library will offer Internet classes on the following Saturdays at 10 a.m. All classes last one hour. Please register in advance. Oct. 28: Finding Travel Information; Nov. 4: Newspaper and Magazine Articles; Nov. 25: Health and Medical Information.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library for a series of Monday evening family story times through Nov. 13. Each meeting,

which begins at 7 p.m. and lasts about a half-hour, will include songs and fingerplays as well as stories on a particular theme. The themes for the remaining story times: Oct. 9 — Twist & Twirl (stories about dancing); Oct. 16 — Splish Splash! (stories about bathtime); Oct. 23 — ABC/123; Oct. 30 — Cats & Bats & Pumpkins, Oh My! (Halloween stories); Nov. 6 — Silly Stories and Songs; Nov. 13 — Pizza Party! (Stories, crafts and snacks).

■ The fall series of Lapsit storytimes (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlerime) will continue through Nov. 16. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 for a special Fire Prevention Week program presented by firefighters from the El Cerrito Fire Department. Come and hear about life at a fire station, learn some fire-prevention tips, check out a book or two about fire engines, and maybe even get a close-up look at a real fire truck.

■ Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. On Oct. 24, the group will discuss "Color of the Sea" by John Harnamura. Future titles: Nov. 28: "The Piano Tuner" by Daniel Mason; Dec. 19: "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave. 510-524-3043 or www.cclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23, when it will discuss "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Meetings of the library's knitting club, "Castoffs," are scheduled for 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month. All levels are welcome, and some help will be provided.

■ Ann Marks will give a sneak preview of her film, "The Shocking Truth about Gluten: Why Bread Eaters Get Sick" at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16. The event will feature Dr. Rodney Ford of New Zealand, a pediatric gastroenterologist, on the benefits of a gluten-free diet.

■ A special show about live bats will be presented by Maggie Hooper and the Bat Conservation Fund at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. There will be a limited number of free tickets available, beginning on Monday, Oct. 16. This show is appropriate for children older than 4.

—Craig Lazeretti

E-mail library activity items to journal@cctimes.com, or fax to 510-262-2776, or mail to The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MUSIC

■ **MusicSources** — Harpsichord concert: An Evening with Antonio Soler, 5 p.m. Oct. 8. Santa Fe's Kathleen McIntosh and Friends perform works of Antonio Soler. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: 510-528-1685 or www.musicsources.org.

■ **Cal Performances** — recital, 3 p.m. Oct. 8. Siberian violinist Maxim Vengerov, pianist Liya Zilberstein perform works of Mozart, Beethoven, Prokofiev, and Shostakovich. Zellerbach Hall, U.C. Berkeley campus. \$36-\$68. Tickets: 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ **Womansong Circle** — A participa-

tory circle of song for women, 7:15-9:30 p.m. Oct. 13. With Betsy Rose and guest artist Eve Decker. All welcome, no singing skills required. First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Small Assembly Room. \$15-\$20. Details: 510-525-7082.

■ **Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** — "Classical Encounter" concert, 8 p.m. Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15. Features works of Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. \$29-\$67. Details: 415-252-1288 or www.philharmonia.org.

■ **Baroque Cetera** — J.S. Bach: Concerto & Cantatas concert, 7 p.m. Oct. 15. St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2005 Berryman St., Berkeley. \$10. Details: 510-540-8222, info@baroquecetera.org

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— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

GUEST COMMENTARY

Sierra Club right in opposition to mall

By Norman La Force

THE SIERRA CLUB is the largest and oldest DEMOCRATIC, grass-roots, public-interest environmental organization in the world. We don't expect all of our members to agree with all of our actions.

However, the author of a recent letter attacking both the Sierra Club and the Albany residents who want to protect their waterfront from a rich developer's dreams of wealth at Albany's expense, attempted to mislead your readers.

The campaign against a waterfront mall is clearly in line with the Sierra Club's mission. For more than 40 years, the Sierra Club has worked to create a great public park along the East Bay shoreline, and we will continue working with our more than 600 Albany members to further that goal.

We sincerely regret that the Albany shoreline protection initiative that so many residents worked so hard to circulate, and 2,400 voters signed, is not going to be on the ballot. In addition to the Sierra Club, Save the Bay, Golden Gate Audubon Society, Greenbelt Alliance, Citizens for East Shore Parks, Citizens for the Albany Shoreline, Sustainable Albany and Sylvia McLaughlin, co-founder of Save the Bay, all endorsed and supported the initiative.

As a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that relies on pro-bono legal work, we know that the high-powered attorneys for casino developers like Magna Entertainment will sometimes find unintended er-

rors in even our best efforts. And keep in mind that the Sierra Club's attorneys in the suit, Ann Winterman and myself, did our work for the Sierra Club on a completely pro bono, i.e., free, basis.

The Sierra Club's vision for the Albany shoreline reflects its goals for Albany. Those are to preserve Albany's small-town character, ensure the long-term vitality of Solano Avenue as Albany's Main Street, and to develop the Albany waterfront with a plan that protects the shoreline as public open space, gets us the maximum amount of land for park and recreational uses like ball fields, and provides for the kind of commercial development that provides revenue to the city and school district and complements Solano Avenue.

The Sierra Club has shown that a very small amount of development on just a small portion of the racetrack site could provide far more revenue than Albany receives now from the track while allowing us to add the rest of the land into the East Shore State Park.

There are two candidates for Albany City Council who share that vision for Albany. The Sierra Club has endorsed Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile for Albany City Council. So has Sylvia McLaughlin. If you support protection of the waterfront, vote for Marge Atkinson and Joanne Wile, it's that simple.

Norman La Force is chair of the Sierra Club's East Bay Public Lands Committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stands by assertions

Joanne Wile, as a candidate for Albany City Council, took my fliers from doorsteps and replaced mine with hers.

To her credit, she publicly apologized for doing so and offered, "as a personal penance and in an effort to try to make things right ... to deliver to every doorstep in Albany Mr. Papalia's campaign piece." I accepted her apology but declined her offer. I thought the matter was concluded.

But I learned from her letter in The Journal (Sept. 29) that it is not. So when is an apology not an apology? In this case, it is when Wile claims that my flier was "filled with unjustified assertions" that provoked her conduct.

I stand by my assertions and anyone can read them at www.albanyfirst.org or contact me in person, by e-mail or by phone to discuss them.

But the point here is that the actions and now the words of Wile demonstrate she does not possess the qualities needed for public office. She has shown that she can and will act as arbiter of what is truthful, and if provoked by the pressures of public conflict, she will (at least if she believes she is not being watched) engage in conduct that she knows to be reprehensible but can somehow justify.

I have not, nor will I ever, engage in conduct of the type of which Wile admits she is guilty. And if I make an error in judgment, as we all do, I will never suggest the mistake was provoked, let alone justified, by the conduct of others. My moral compass does not adjust to external influences.

I regard the opportunity to hold a public trust for all of the residents of Albany as a great honor. It is a trust that I will never betray.

Francesco Papalia
Albany

Papalia is an Albany City Council candidate.

The purpose of the candidates' forum

The Sustainable Albany Candidates' Forum held last week was part of Sustainable Albany's commitment to promoting sustainable decision-making and transparent, responsive government in Albany.

The forum's purpose was to question candidates about environmental and sustainability concerns we felt were unlikely to be addressed in other forums so Albany residents could evaluate candidates' visions and positions in those areas.

We regret that council candidates Francesco Papalia and Caryl O'Keefe declined to participate and let the community know their views on these issues. We are deeply concerned that, in explaining their decision, these candidates questioned Sustainable Albany's credibility.

We hope those who attended or see the forum rebroadcast will find food for thought in the serious questions posed by our members and the audience regarding local development, energy use, transit, open space, pesticide use, healthy school food, and Albany's long-term economic health.

Among the reasons Papalia gave for declining to participate was that Sustainable Albany would not permit him

and O'Keefe to write one of the forum questions. Our steering committee felt allowing candidates to draft questions would compromise the forum's objectivity and purpose. We note that although candidate Joanne Wile is a member of Sustainable Albany, she did not participate in any aspect of forum planning.

We regret The Journal quoted only Papalia and O'Keefe and did not contact Sustainable Albany to offer balanced information.

Mara Duncan
Nan Wishner
Martin Webb
Signe Mattson
Albany

The above signers are members of the Sustainable Albany steering committee.

Community concerns disregarded

Albany candidates Joanne Wile and Marge Atkinson highlight the Sierra Club's endorsement, inviting the question: Is that good?

Based on the club's history promoting a mall development in El Cerrito, the local Sierra Club deserves neither faith nor "dance with the one that brought you" influence. I speak as a former Sierra Club member with no opinion on Caruso.

Sierra Club leaders disregarded community concerns over recent El Cerrito Plaza plans — first about an unneeded 500-car garage upwind from Cougar Field, then about variances for a big condo complex near Albany Middle School.

A Sierra Club leader even offered his legal talents against Albany if it pursued California Environmental Quality Act claims. Reasonable people may disagree about land use, though this newspaper lamented the condos' unresolved "environmental, traffic and safety concerns." (Editorial, The Journal, Feb. 3.) But reasonable people don't completely misrepresent issues to enlist supporters.

Here are samples of Sierra Club disinformation that appeared in The Yodeler, July/August 2005:

About concerns around height variances for the proposed 45- to 59-foot condo: "... in fact, just to the south in Albany, we already have much larger multi-story apartment complexes." Actually, the "much larger" complexes measure only 35 feet or less.

And this: "Opponents also complain that the project would eliminate the beat-

up asphalt open area next to the Ohlone Greenway, claiming that this is open space that should be preserved."

This just wasn't a factor in the discussion; I was there for all of it. The Yodeler vanquished straw men, while fudging community impacts.

I am tired of broad slogans and labels. I want candidates to show how they're honest, competent, responsive, and able to work with people of all viewpoints. I want fully reasoned justifications for any preconceived agendas.

In short, I want more than the Sierra Club's blessing portends.

Lisa Schneider
Albany

Support O'Keefe for council

We are writing to encourage Albany residents to vote for Caryl O'Keefe for Albany City Council. O'Keefe possesses the attributes we believe most of us want our council members to have.

In recent letters to the editor, O'Keefe was criticized for hosting a house meeting to allow Rick Caruso to discuss his proposed project for development of the waterfront in an informal setting. We attended that meeting and found the entire evening informative.

It allowed an open discussion about the proposed project between the developer and residents in the kind of exchange not possible at a formal public hearing. Not everyone attending that meeting was a supporter of the waterfront development project, nor would enjoy being considered a "Caruso supporter."

All of us learned a lot about O'Keefe that evening. She was willing to open her home for a public forum during adversarial times within the community. She encouraged members of our community to have an open pro and con discourse with the developer of the proposed waterfront project, and discuss openly their concerns with the developer. I was impressed that O'Keefe truly listened to each point of view — something most political candidates do not seem to do.

We want a representative on the City Council who will listen to all sides of an issue, collect information to help clarify the issues, and make informed decisions based on facts, rather than a single-issue candidate who makes emotional decisions on one issue.

The future of the Albany waterfront is very important to O'Keefe and to the rest of us. But a council member also must be concerned about the city budget, staffing issues, recommendations of city committees, franchise fees, public safety issues, and all other policy issues the City Council considers in its normal course of business.

Ask other candidates how they feel about some of these issues. We already know where they stand on the waterfront, but what about other matters that customarily come before the City Council?

We know where O'Keefe stands on these issues. She will make an excellent and effective member of the council. We support her candidacy and hope you do, too.

Margaret Stanzone
David M. Grantham
Albany

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El Cerrito Recreation Programs — Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Meeting rooms, classes, pool. 510-215-4370.

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FROM PAGE 1

... The location of the project, at the corner of the second-street intersection in Albany, is wise and ill-advised, given the existing auto and pedestrian traf-

Deirdre Greene, one of the students who signed the appeal, said the \$340 appeal cost was offset with contributions from the neighborhood. She and the other man who signed the appeal representing the neighborhood, Greene said.

The site, 1370 Marin Ave., is a corner lot with Marin running along the north side and Santa running along the east.

The site had been used as a church for more than 50 years. In Sept. 11, the sale to Bright was closed.

The school requested a conditional use permit to allow a preschool, day care and kindergarten at the property.

The school wanted an attendance of 55, but the commission approved 30. The commission will increase the enrollment to 55 if the school meets certain conditions.

At last month's meeting, the commission approved a conditional use permit to allow the range of use from a church to preschool, day care and kindergarten. The commission also agreed to waive the required parking spaces, and granted a variance to allow a four-foot-tall solid fence or wall to mitigate sound.

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It also adopted a mitigated negative declaration, a document required under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the project.

The appeal claims the declaration is inadequate under CEQA, the conditions for approval of the use permit weren't met, and the use permit does not require sufficient measures to offset the negative impacts of the school.

It also says that the commission adopted the declaration but then did not condition the project to meet the mitigations.

Marin's principal, Marian Rothschild, said her chief concerns are the project size, its location, and the number of students and the hours at the school. She said she is concerned somebody is going to get hurt.

"My concern is that this is making an existing condition worse," she told the members of the commission.

Matz said her school would work with the parents and administration of Marin to make it safer.

She said she was a little disappointed "that we're not doing more problem-solving together. ... I'm hoping we'll get to a point to where we can work together."

Matz said "everything" is riding on the City Council vote.

"We're running out of time," she said. "It would be close to a miracle to find something else."

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EL CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CLASS: College Admissions 101 with Jim Walker will be held Monday from 7-9 p.m. in Multipurpose Room 1. This is most appropriate for juniors and their families but all are welcome. Topics include performing a thorough college search, completing one round of testing, creating a high school profile, and obtaining letters of recommendation.

COLLEGE VISITS SCHEDULED: Three college visits have been added to the lineup. All presentations take place during the lunch period, Oct. 9 — UC Berkeley Black Recruitment, College/Career Center; Harvard College, ECHS Library; Oct. 16 — University of Pennsylvania, College/Career Center.

Harding Elementary

AUCTION DONATIONS: The Harding PTA sponsors an annual auction. This

year's theme is One Autumn Night. Proceeds support art, science and music programs. Donations are needed. The auction will be Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. on the Harding campus, and is free. Dinner will be available beginning at 6 p.m. Call today to reserve a boxed dinner. A children's movie night will be provided during the auction for \$5/child (grades K-6). Adult dinners are \$10 per person/children's dinners are \$5/child if purchased before Oct. 23. Contact Juliann at 510-525-7059 or jpmartinez@cal.berkeley.edu; or Brenda at 510-558-1578.

SCRIP SALES: Sales take place on Wednesday mornings before school beginning at 8:15 a.m. Sales are canceled on rainy days.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/BOOK FAIR: The Ice Cream Social is Thursday, Oct. 12, and the Book Fair is Oct. 10-12. All books purchased benefit the Harding library. Books will be for sale in the breezeway next to the new Harding

Auditorium.

BOX TOPS: Box Tops for Education deadline is Friday, Oct. 20. Look for the "Box Tops Education" coupons on the products you purchase. Money collected supports the HASEP scholarship fund.

TIGER PLAZA BRICKS: Students, parents, teachers, teams, groups and businesses are invited to commemorate the rebuilding of Harding by buying an inscribed brick for the newly renovated playground (near the school gardens). The cost per brick is \$40 for individuals and \$100 for businesses and organizations. Please donate more if you can. For more information, contact Tim Pine at 510-525-3059.

SCHOOL WISH LIST: The office staff needs the following: a shredder, a label maker, an electric stapler, an electric typewriter, and white and colored copier paper.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ice Cream

sales and library volunteers are still needed. Lunch and recess volunteers are also needed. Please call the school office at 510-231-1413.

Fairmont Elementary

ENERGY AWARENESS NIGHT: Fairmont Elementary is hosting an Energy Awareness Night on Oct. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fairmont Multipurpose Room, 724 Kearney St. This event will provide information about creative approaches to conserving energy. It will feature a solar cooking display and demonstration, take-home activities for children, a raffle including solar cars and solar robot kits, and energy conservation resources for adults from PG&E and local vendors.

— Craig Lazzertti

E-mail El Cerrito school notes to journal@cctimes.com

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

PTSA MEETING: The October PTSA general meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 16 in the AHS Library at 7 p.m. The key speaker at the meeting on Oct. 16 will be Albany Chief of Police Mike Quistison.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS: Want to be featured in the yearbook? Take pictures of you and your friends in the Bay Area and send them to Ms. Chiarella's box or Room 206 as soon as possible.

Albany Middle School

COBRA CLARION: The Cobra Clarion will now go home on paper only to those families that request a hard copy from the office, to reduce copying and paper use. You can read the Clarion on the e-tree weekly.

MAGAZINE FUND-RAISER: The annual magazine sale fund-raiser has begun. The final day to turn in magazine orders is Oct. 5. If you don't wish to purchase magazines for home, but would like to support the sale, please consider donating a subscription to the AMS Library. AMS receives 45 percent of the total raised during this drive.

CAMPUS CLEAN-UP: The Campus Beautification Committee and the AMS Garden invite you to participate in gardening and campus clean-up Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring your gloves and any pruning or weeding tools, especially loppers or tree pruning equipment. Please label all of your tools to avoid confusion. Refreshments will be provided. Question? Contact Penny Barthel at 510-528-2242 or Ms. Pace.

BOOK FAIR: The annual AMS Book Fair will take place Oct. 17-19. The seventh- and eighth-grade potluck is Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, and the sixth-grade potluck is that Thursday evening. The book fair will stay open late on those nights.

Cornell Elementary

LANGUAGE PROGRAM: Cornell now has an on-site after-school program that teaches beginning to advanced Mandarin Chinese to native and non-native speakers. The program combines Chinese textbook instruction with cultural activities, art projects, games, free play, and even time to do Cornell homework. The cost is \$339 a month for five days a week, with part-time options. For more information, visit the program on the corner of Cornell and Solano (1200 Solano Ave., next to the YMCA Kids Club). To speak to a parent whose child is learning Chinese through the program, call Linda Reeves at 510-559-9782. Enrollment is through the Albany Children's Center at 800 Red Oak in the UC Village.

PTA RAFFLE: Students have brought home tickets to sell for this year's raffle. This is the PTA's biggest fund-raiser of the year, so please encourage your students to participate. Students will be selling tickets through the end of the school year on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Tickets cost \$2 each, or three for \$5. Checks should be made out to Cornell PTA. The raffle drawing will be held Oct. 20, at the International Potluck dinner. This year, tickets will again be sold on the weekends at Safeway on Solano. If you have raffle questions, call Karen Keeble at 510-525-1356 (home) or 415-865-7212 (work) or e-mail danielmorn@sbcglobal.net.

Marin Elementary

GARDEN PLANS: The Garden Committee has some plans for the school, including a garden shed and an outdoor classroom near the second-grade classrooms, an Art and

Poetry Garden in the lower-grade yard, an outdoor classroom inside the curved wall at the Marin Avenue/Curtis Street corner, landscaping the Santa Fe Avenue/Marin Avenue corner and an Edible Schoolyard. If you can help, please contact Sheila Erickson at 510-524-1032 or sheila.erickson@sbcglobal.net.

PTA BOOK FAIR: Mark your calendars for the PTA book fair, Oct. 10-14. Jill Ludwig and Halina Larman, Book Fair co-chairwomen, report that the books are carefully selected, of high quality, and affordable. And the event is a fund-raiser for the school library.

CHALK-IT-UP: Chalk-It-Up is scheduled for Oct. 14. This art happening raises funds for art supplies for Marin. A box of pastels and a space can be purchased in advance.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK: The PTA International Potluck dinner is scheduled for Oct. 27. The dinner will be held in the Cornell School multipurpose room (a bigger facility than

Marin's multipurpose room). The committee is in need of at least three more members. Call Maria Riggio at 510-527-8112 to help make the evening a success.

Ocean View Elementary

BOOK FAIR: Mark your calendars for Oct. 16-20 for the Ocean View Book Fair. The book fair is an opportunity to discover new titles and choose from a wide selection of quality children's books. Twenty-five percent of all sales goes directly to supporting the Ocean View Library. The traditional "Family Night Event" will be Thursday, Oct. 19, when the Book Fair will stay open from 5-8:30 p.m. To volunteer please fill out the volunteer form with the time(s) you can help, and drop it by the office, or call Astrid Jungeling at 510-527-0454.

— Bob Menzinger

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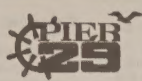
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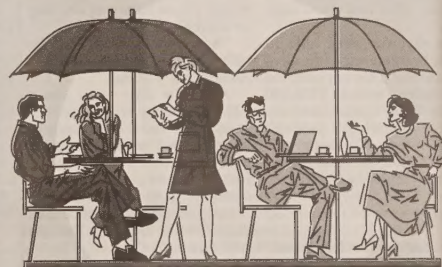
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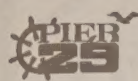
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GOLDEN FRIED OYSTERS

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CHICKEN MARSALA

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FRIED STEAK

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PIER 29 PORK LOINS

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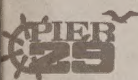
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Katsu Sushi

1465 Webster Street, Alameda (510) 749-8461

West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sang Kim prepares all dishes from scratch, and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that are as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. Katsu is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday and on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations recommended.

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

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Pier 29 Restaurant has recently moved to a beautiful new location at Ballena Bay in Alameda. The restaurant is uniquely located between the San Francisco Bay and the Ballena Bay Marina. It is conveniently accessible with plenty of free parking. A new exciting addition is the outdoor seating patio which overlooks the marina. There is a view of the water from every table inside or out! The new Pier 29 continues its reputation for good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere. The theme in the kitchen is "good home-style cooking" using only the freshest ingredients. An extensive menu is offered featuring Prime rib, steaks, seafood, pasta, salads and much more. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily along with the popular "Early Bird" menu. Banquet arrangements are available. Customers say that the new "Pier" is the best kept secret in town! The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun-Thurs. 9am-10pm. Fri-Sat. 9am-11pm. Weekend Brunch 9am-3pm.

Sushi House

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When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals and out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses with unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef/owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; and "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna and halibut deep fried with house special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John and Salle Crittenden agreed that "James is a real artist, and his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Plenty of free parking. From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip and trendy place to be in Alameda! Jazz at the Beach 1:30p to 4:00pm Every Saturday with The San Francisco Mainstream Jazz Group. AE MCVS \$\$

El Caballo

891B Island Drive (Harbor Bay Island), Alameda (510) 521-4032

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Meadow

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"Tom really took the lead," said East Bay Regional Park General Manager Pat O'Brien.

For Bates, it was a bittersweet occasion. "I wish Dwight Steele could have been here," he said.

Steele, who teamed with Bates, McLaughlin, former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty and Sierra Club leader Norman La Force of El Cerrito to found Citizens for East Shore Parks, died in 2003.

"We always used to talk about making this happen in our lifetime," said Bates. "Unfortunately, it didn't happen in his."

One of Steele's assets was that he was an active Republican, giving park supporters access to both parties.

"We were getting stonewalled by the Deukmejian administration," Bates said. "But Dwight got Pete Wilson to make a campaign stop here when he was running for governor and pledge to support the park. And when Wilson got elected, he kept that promise."

The meadow embodies the character of the overall park: an abused natural area fixed up for new uses.

"Much of the shoreline park used to be used for dumps where trash fires often burned for days,"

said Larry Tong, interagency planning manager for the East Bay Regional Park District.

Under a partnership agreement, the state provided most of the money to buy the park land, while the regional park district is responsible for developing and operating it.

To restore the first 17 acres of the 70-acre Berkeley Meadow, state and regional park officials spent approximately \$3 million to haul away or seal off toxic waste, haul away concrete construction debris, improve habitat and build trails.

Park builders graded low spots to capture rain in winter and attract waves of migratory ducks and geese. Crews also graded high spots for trails and overlooks with prime views of San Francisco's skyline and the East Bay hills.

Workers painstakingly used hand tools to weed out nonnative plants and put in native ones to create a rich shoreline ecosystem.

Although controlled burns are used in some areas to kill nonnative plants, a fire was impractical in the Berkeley Meadow because thick smoke could easily drift onto and close the Interstate 80 freeway nearby, Tong said.

The meadow is classified as a conservation area appropriate for low-intensity recreation, under an Eastshore Park general plan adopted in 2002.

More intense activities will be

allowed in park recreation zones, including Berkeley's north basin strip where planners propose a visitors center, hostel, boathouse, picnic tables, and a waterfront promenade with steps to the water.

Those projects are many years off, though, park planners say.

In the meantime, many parts of the new park already are in use.

Many people already visit undeveloped portions of the shoreline park to jog, walk dogs, fish, picnic and launch sailboards.

Many dog walkers continue to flock to Point Isabel Regional Park in Richmond, an area opened nearly 30 years ago that has been declared part of the Eastshore Park.

Park officials say getting money to operate and develop other areas in Eastshore will be a challenge. State and Regional Park operators spent more than \$30 million to acquire and clean up the 2,200 acres in the Eastshore Park, about 365 acres of which is on land above the high tide mark.

But more money is needed to develop and restore other areas, including the other 53 acres of the Berkeley Meadow. "It may take decades to finish the entire park," Tong said.

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California real estate sales down 30.1 percent in August

Median price at \$576,360, up 1.6 percent from year ago

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Home sales decreased 30.1 percent in August in California compared with the same period a year ago, while the median price of an existing home increased 1.6 percent, California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.) reported today.

"We experienced the greatest year-to-year sales decline last month since August 1982, when sales fell 30.4 percent," said C.A.R. President Vince Malta. "This is another indication that we're in the initial stages of a long-anticipated adjustment in the market."

"Buyers today have a much greater selection of properties from which to choose, while some sellers are still clinging to price expectations that are no longer valid in today's market," he said.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 442,150 in August, a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 30.1 percent from the 32,240 sales pace recorded in August 2005.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2006 would be if sales maintained the August pace throughout the year. It is adjusted

HIGHEST MEDIAN PRICES

Manhattan Beach, \$1,850,000
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Los Altos, \$1,438,750
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Rancho Palos Verdes, \$1,125,000
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to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during August 2006 was \$576,360, a 1.6 percent increase over the revised \$567,320 median for August 2005, C.A.R. reported. The August 2006 median price increased 1.7 percent compared with July's revised \$566,940 median price.

"Although the median price in the state and in several regions hit an all-time record in August, we expect softer prices toward the end of the year," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "The median price typically peaks somewhere between June and August before declining toward the end of the year. Some areas of the state already have experienced year-to-year declines for more than two months. This is in

GREATEST PRICE INCREASES

Ladera Ranch, 46.9 percent
Manhattan Beach, 26.7 percent
California City, 23.2 percent
Hercules, 23.2 percent
Palm Springs, 21.9 percent
Carson, 21.8 percent
Compton, 19.8 percent
South Gate, 19.4 percent
Barstow, 19.3 percent
Inglewood, 18.1 percent
San Clemente, 17.3 percent

— compared with the August 2005

stark contrast to the past several years when there were constant double-digit increases. The long-term trend remains to be seen."

"Homes are taking longer to sell than a year ago, with just 29 percent of homes on the market for 30 days or less, compared with 51 percent a year ago," she said.

"The share of homes on the market for 90 days or longer has nearly quadrupled from 6 percent in August 2004 to 22 percent last month."

Highlights

- C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in August 2006 was 6.8 months, compared with 2.6

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Real Estate Spotlight

Traditional-style home in Oakland



BUILT IN 1997, the gorgeous traditional at 510 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, features the charm of yesteryear with its Craftsman-style windows and slate wrap around porch. From the moment you step through the entry door flanked by stained glass side lights you will sense the quality workmanship that is evident in every room. Enjoy the warmth and beauty of gleaming hardwood floors throughout the elegant living room and formal dining room. Meal preparation is a joy in the chef's kitchen with convenient island and casual dining area leading to a cozy level yard and terraced garden. Of course, no modern home is complete without a home office suitable for full or part time use and a comfortable family room. The upper level features four spacious bedrooms including a master suite with bay views and an additional sun-bathed bonus room. Near shopping and transportation

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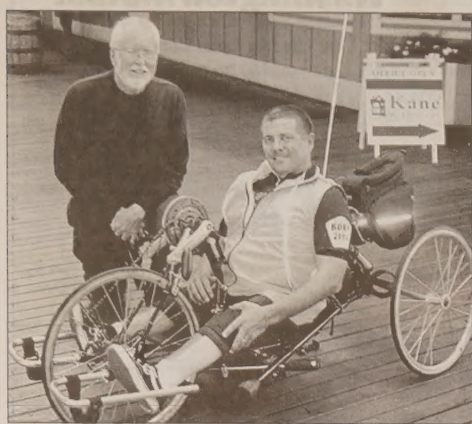


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CYCLING REVOLUTION: Alameda Mike Webber on his custom hand-cycle joins Kane and Associates Realtor John McNulty to discuss strategy for their Oct. 14. fundraising ride.

McNulty, Webber ride with outreach program

Alameda Mike Webber, a director of Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program, and Kane and Associates Realtor John McNulty will join with hundreds of cyclists Saturday, Oct. 14 in a fundraising ride — "Cycling Revolution 2006" — in the Russian River area, beginning in Geyserville. McNulty has been generously sponsored by his fellow Kane & Associates agents.

He plans to attempt a first-time 100-mile "century" ride. The Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program empowers people with disabilities to lead active lives. Visit the BOP Web site www.borp.org for more information, to contribute or join in the ride. To learn more, call McNulty at 510-508-1215 or send him an e-mail at homes@mcnulty-group.com.

E-waste recycling tomorrow in Oakland

REBUILDING TOGETHER OAKLAND

As part of Rebuilding Together Oakland's Block Building Program taking place in East Oakland this month, Electronic Waste Management (EWM) is teaming up with Rebuilding Together Oakland to host a free electronic waste (e-waste) disposal and recycling event, tomorrow, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy in Oakland.

Drop off location is the school parking lot, 400 105th Ave. Cross street is Edes Avenue.

Not only will it not cost a dime for anyone dropping off their e-waste, EWM will donate a portion of the event proceeds to Rebuilding Together Oakland. Lionel Wilson College Prep Academy donated the use of its parking lot for EWM to hold the free e-waste disposal and recycling event.

The event is open to any California resident, business, school or agency. E-waste items accepted include

- TVs and monitors,
- computers
- computer components,
- power supplies,
- VCRs,
- DVD players,
- telephone equipment,
- fax machines,

- toner cartridges,
- copy machines,
- cellular phones,
- audio/visual equipment,
- stereo equipment
- video game systems.

There is no limit to the amount of e-waste people can bring.

No thank you

The program does not accept

- furniture
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- household batteries

For e-waste related questions, call EWM's toll free at 866-335-3373, or visit EWM's Web site at www.environmentalelectronicsolutions.com for more information and the state-required E-waste form.

What is E-waste?

Electronic waste, known as "e-waste", includes computers, technology equipment, etc., that are deemed obsolete or unwanted and need to be disposed of. Much of the current E-waste is not being properly recycled or disposed of.

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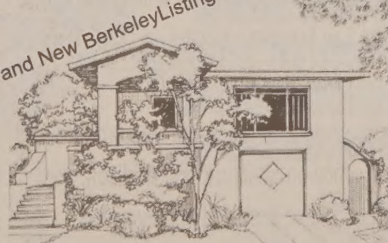
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About Rebuilding Together Oakland

Rebuilding Together Oakland, a non-profit organization based in Oakland, is holding its fourth annual Block Building Program this month. This year's program will involve approximately 800 volunteers who will renovate nine homes of low-income seniors and community centers in the Sbrante Park neighborhood of East Oakland on Sunday, Oct. 7 and Saturday, Oct. 14. For more information, contact John Caner, executive director, 510-25-0316 or john@rebuildingtogetheroakland.org.

Going digital with best house details

Number 523 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We've been thinking of doing an e-mail letter with the subject "Best house details we've seen lately," or maybe "Recent favorite houses we thought you'd like too" — something like that. Probably we'd send new versions once a month.

We'd carry our digital camera with us all the time so that when something about a house hit us in a great way, we'd ask permission first, then take a couple of pics to attach to the e-mail.

This would just be a newsy kind of thing, sharing the best of our adventures, not done to try to sell the houses. Separately, of course, we would continue to let our buyers know when we see houses they might be interested in.

But for these e-mails, the houses might be any sort, any price, and the reason we chose them could be anything that especially tickled our fancy.

For instance we saw a house recently priced at a huge \$3.5 million (and I have to admit that it was the price that got us there) that had many nice things about it. There were grand spaces, beautiful floors and door and window casings,

lovely garden outlooks — much was beautiful. But the two things I saw there that I have thought about many times since were (1) a built-in breakfast banquette and (2) a telephone cabinet that opened on both sides.

I'm sorry we didn't have our camera with us that day because I loved both of those details. The banquette was original to the house, built sometime in the 1930s, and was situated in one corner of the large kitchen. There was just enough room for one person to slide in comfortably on each side, or two sitting very close.

Probably the servants sat there for mid-morning coffee, not the mistress of the house. Benches and table were painted that particular creamy-ivory that kitchens have often been fronted over the years, and the front bench panels had been cut with decorative sawtooth edges.

Not fine furniture but rather more like folk art. I've never seen another just like it and I'm afraid I won't again. This kitchen will probably be redone and the banquette thrown out by whomever can afford three-and-a-half-mile for a house.

On another wall in that kitchen

was a small cabinet, maybe a foot wide and a foot tall, with double doors and small round silver-colored pulls. When I pulled, I saw that this was a passthrough for a telephone. On the other side of the cabinet was a hallway where the phone usually sat. But if the maid was busy in the kitchen, she could open the little doors and turn the phone around toward her to answer it.

I loved the idea and I especially loved that the ivory paint (undoubtedly oil-based, not latex) was perfectly applied with none of it stopped over onto the pulls, or the hinges, or even the little metal bumps on the tops of the doors that served as stops.

We would have taken photos of those and e-mailed them to anyone who we thought might have enjoyed knowing of them. But we hadn't thought of this e-mail idea yet. Nor had we when this week we went to a house priced at far less money — \$825,000 — and stayed for quite a few minutes in the back garden.

I'd seen this house on MLS, looked at the photos posted there and decided I wasn't all that interested in seeing it. But we had the time on tour that day, and the list-

ing agent is a friend we are always glad to see, so we did go.

The stucco front of this 1920s house is plain-Jane, plus there are quite a few steps up the front. It's the sort of house that some people are going to glance at for a few seconds before driving on by, just as we might have.

I'm glad we did not.

The house has a comforting, clean, glad-to-know-you sort of feeling. It is not glitzy; it is formica-homey. That's the best I can tell you. I don't think its delight would have come across in any photo we might have taken. But we would have tried with the garden.

The garden extends directly out from the kitchen and is deep and wide. There are 3 rock stairways that connect 2 garden levels. Each stairway has three or four steps. The widest one is placed dead center with the other two, identical to one another, at the sides of the garden.

We started talking about using the upper lawn as a stage. Performers could enter the upper lawn "stage" from the steps on the right and exit using the steps on the left. I could easily imagine it. The stage lawn had recently been mowed making it smooth enough



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for dancing. Overhead is an enormous old oak, beautifully shaped; the branches cover two-thirds of the garden with big sky showing through. Ferns, fuchsias and begonias grow in the borders.

Another house that we saw a few weeks ago that has remained in my daily thoughts would be a great subject for our e-mail sharing project. My love for this house surprised me because it's not of my old-wood-and-beams preferred era. It's a "fire house"; that is, it was built to replace a house that burned in the firestorm.

We went because it is a rare level-in-and-out floor plan, something that a client of ours is looking for, with the expectation of finding bland combined with black granite. Instead we found a u-shaped house, very thoughtfully laid out and finished, full of light with garden views from every room and all sorts of delightful details. The price was, as agents put it, "one-point-two".

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'Nest Egg Score' measures ability to save

In order to nurture our nest eggs, we all know that we need to save more and spend less. This may seem quite obvious, but there are many investors that find this common piece of financial advice difficult to follow. The latest quarterly A.G. Edwards Nest Egg Score — which looks at 12 factors that influence our ability to build wealth — shows Americans continue to do a "fair" job of building their nest eggs.

With a national score of 631, Americans benefited from the lowest unemployment rate in five years, broader ownership of investment vehicles, growth in homeownership and a slight increase in retirement plan participation. These factors, however, were offset by the highest inflation rate in five years, a decline in the nation's home equity rate and increased tax payments.

In general, Americans were most likely to cite the cost of covering day-to-day living expenses as the biggest obstacle to starting or building their nest eggs, followed by too little income and too much debt.

When narrowing the focus and examining the various regions across America, significant differences in savings and investing habits became clear.

Northeasters were more likely than residents of any other region to cite the cost of raising children as an obstacle to starting or building their nest eggs, while Southerners had a different opinion. To them, the cost of children were the least likely to be a barrier. When it comes to personal savings, northeasters were most likely to have a traditional savings account, while southerners were the least likely.

With a number of financial obstacles facing investors today, it is easy to get discouraged. But remember, there are many things you can do, even if you find yourself on a tight budget. First of all, make sure you are investing in tax-deferred accounts such as a 401(k) plan. Many times, the company you work for will add to your 401(k) retirement savings plan in the form of a matching

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LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

Defending the Option ARM

In a recent issue of "Business Week," the cover story was about Nightmare Loans, the Option ARM. This loan product has been called the exotic, misleading and as dangerous as a neutron bomb (the

house survives but the people die). It is a loan product designed for the wealthy and thrust onto an unsuspecting middle class in order for them to realize homeownership that they really can't afford.

Report

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months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.52 percent during August 2006, compared with 5.82 percent in August 2005, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.64 percent in August 2006 compared with 4.55 percent in August 2005.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 52 days in August 2006, compared with 29 days (revised) for the same period a year ago.

Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales. The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condo-

miniums represents closed escrow sales.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 61.7 percent, or 246 out of 399 cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago. DataQuick statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information. DataQuick Information Systems is a subsidiary of Vancouver-based MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates.

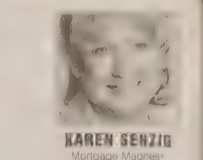
Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity. Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand.

Leading the way in California real estate for more than 100 years, California Association of Realtors (www.car.org) is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 195,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

The article demonizes the mortgage industry and the lenders making this loan, primarily it seems in their opinion, because they are the only people profiting from the loan product. It also concluded that thousands will lose their homes because of the Option ARM.

I have to say, hold on a minute. Let's take another look at the Option ARM. Let's understand how it works and what the benefits are. Say we consider a loan amount of \$500,000 with a 1 percent start rate, based on a 40-year amortization.

This mortgage has four monthly payment options.



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

The minimum payment would be calculated on a payment that is set for a year at a time. Currently we have seen loan products that are offering the first-year

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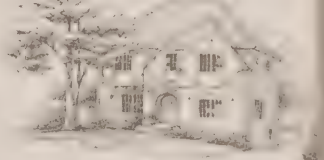
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Rockridge. New Price. Dramatic architecture. Superb private living spaces. Master bedroom in separate wing, 2 more bedroom-bathroom suites, and office. Kitchen-family room combo. Really striking.
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

3523 VICTOR AVENUE \$675,000
Redwood Heights. New Listing! Sunny, serene retreat. 3BR/2BA. Remodeled lower floor with master bedroom and chic bath. Two levels of decks. Open floor plan upstairs. Two fireplaces.
Stan Hammond 531-7006 x246

500 VERNON STREET #315 \$307,000
Rose Garden. Reduced Price! Lovely 1BR/1BA totally upgraded with parquet floors, granite kitchen and bath, new sinks, faucets, fixtures. Very bright with partial views of city S.F. bus stop nearby, easy freeway access, between Piedmont Avenue and Grand Avenue. Ideal location. Building has a pool, saunas and exercise room. Must See!
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

1968 MANCHESTER ROAD \$608,000
San Leandro. Beautiful 3BR/2BA home in desirable Fairmont Terrace neighborhood. Hardwood floors, granite counters, cherry wood cabinets in kitchen. Marvelous backyard for relaxing and play. Fresh paint, cleared pest, extra parking. Must see!
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

243 TANGLEWOOD \$899,000
Richmond. Terrific two year young Warrington home in prestigious Country club area. 4BR/3BA, two family rooms. Three car garage, 25ft ceilings. Designer colors, granite, stainless, slate. All upgrades, Bayviews and Hottub. Beautifully landscaped on 8000sqft lot. Near the golf course. Tour at: www.SmartBayAreaSeller.com.
Nicolette Bot 531-7000 x261

4117 BALFOUR AVENUE \$798,000
Crocker Highlands. New price! Striking contemporary. 4BR/2.5BA, 2-car garage with interior access. New kitchen counters. Two levels of new redwood decks. Space and storage galore.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

1826 LEIMERT BLVD. \$797,000
Oakmore. Spectacular Bay view and opportunity to transform this 2400+sqft home. Located in Oakmore, one of Oakland's best neighborhoods. Lovely oak flooring.
Don Dunning 531-7000 x239

5449 EL CAMILE AVENUE \$599,000
Maxwell Park. Fabulous two-story Mediterranean, 4BR/1+BA, huge living room with elegant arched windows, formal dining room, original fireplace, beautiful mahogany details, updated eat-in-kitchen opens to sunny deck over private yard. www.ElCamile.com.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

1123 BISMARCK LANE \$579,000
Alameda. 3BR/2.5BA 1,673 sqft of affordable convenience. Laundry, gourmet oven, upgraded windows, doors, fireplace, covered patio, 2-car garage. Green setting, near pool and shopping!
Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258

255 LEE STREET PENTHOUSE #4 \$745,000
Adams Point. Spectacular and spacious 3BR/2.5BA PENTHOUSE. New complete renovation. New kitchen and appliances, new updated bathrooms, new heater and new air conditioner. Large deck for "outdoor living". Washer and dryer hookups, bamboo floors, two parking spaces and much more!
Patsy Buhler and Kevin P. Kennedy 531-7000

466 CRESCENT STREET #208 \$354,000
Grand Lake. This spacious unit has been completely upgraded with maple cabinets and granite counters in the kitchen and lovely designer colors throughout. Enjoy the balcony for outside relaxation or use the pool or club room for entertaining. Cutting-edge technology provides security for entry and garage. Must see!
Bonnie Leffman 531-7000 x278

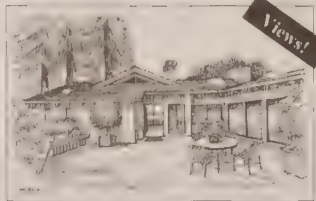
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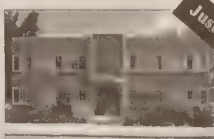
This North Berkeley hills view home is well worth the work it needs. Golden Gate & Mt. Tam views abound from many rooms and the deck. Cathedral, beamed ceilings in the living room, two fireplaces on the main level, a bath in every bedroom and two in the master, a lower level with the second of two family rooms, the 3rd bedroom, the 3rd fireplace and two large workshop/studio rooms developable for other purposes. Kitchen with center island, ample formal dining room, hardwood floors, lovely inside and out. Reports & bids available for roof and foundation. 3BD/4+BA. A genuine opportunity in a great area. Don't miss this one! Offered at just **\$1,150,000**



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3507 Laurel Avenue, Oakland

Step inside this cozy two bedroom, one bath home in the Lower Laurel District and discover the beauty of finished hardwood floors, an updated kitchen complete with new stainless steel kitchen appliances, cherry wood cabinets, tiled floor and granite counter tops. The bathroom has been completely remodeled and all windows are brand new. Best of all, enjoy the simplicity of the low maintenance front yard and back yard. This home is ready for you to move right in!



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Open House Sunday, Oct. 8th, 2-5

Country Cottage or City Condo? Freestanding classic bungalow in the heart of Elmhurst. This is a rare hidden gem nestled in the trees. The first floor has gorgeous woodwork and built-ins, with glowing fir floors, original brick fireplace with wood-burning stove insert, formal dining room, two bedrooms and full bath, & efficient kitchen with Wedgwood stove. Upstairs is a huge master bedroom retreat with skylights & plenty of room for sitting room, office area and/or studio space. It has a new foundation, partial basement for storage, a large welcoming deck and rock gardens awaiting your touch. Truly a charmer.

Offered at **\$649,000**



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3520 Brookdale Ave., Oakland



Open House Sunday, Oct. 8th, 2-4

Completely renovated condominium in the Lower Laurel/Alameda district. The original Victorian home was rebuilt from the roof to the foundation & integrates modern convenience with old-world charm. 1240 sq.ft. upper flat has 2-bd/2ba with great light & privacy. Some of the many upgrades & amenities include: new foundation & earthquake retrofit, new roof, plumbing, sewer line & electric system. Large cabinets & Corian counters. Gas fireplace & master bedroom suite with full bath plus room for an office/nursery/yoga. Lovely shared gardens & fenced yards, exclusive separate art studio, 2 off street parking spaces, shared laundry & low dues.

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Major price reduction.

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3 New Listings



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OPEN SUN 1-4

1403 LILY CT., RICHMOND

#267 - Wonderful two story with extra large master suite w/windows with a clear view & open space. Very unique 3bd/2.5 bath house. **\$998,500**



OPEN SUN 2-4:30

28623 BAY HEIGHTS RD, HAYWARD

#279 - Fabulous home w/generous sized bedrooms. Formal entry leads to formal dining rm & wine bar/parlor. Family rm features 10' x 8' access to the beautiful granite kit w/island. Enjoy a movie in your private theater! Spacious backyard features lush garden & fish pond. Beautiful sunroom is perfect for relaxation. Sweeping views of the Bay, this is truly a wonderful home. **\$1,499,000**

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Tarpoft

FROM PAGE B3

The house is built around a mod-sized courtyard patio beautifully planted. There is a running fountain and pond and an exciting vine awning that at the touch of a button extends on scissor arms over an outdoor dining area. There are many well-made doors to the rest-of-doors from a number of rooms and the halls are not dark or narrow but unusually wide and lighted.

This house just works. I thought about it so much after going there the first time that we went back again to consider what a pleasure it would be — and how easy — life would be there. Everything was fine and everything was beautiful.

Large garage with inside entrance. Big kitchen with Corian counters. Potting "shed" attached. Roses and ginger and roses, bougainvillea, climbing hydrangea, box — lots of beautiful things — the windows. Even a double-door cabinet for firewood, the outer door easily reached near the driveway.

There were 10 offers on that house. We are dying to know what it sold for and will know soon when the sale closes. Which is something we might put in our favorite e-mails: what they sold for. It's always interesting.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoft are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2060 and at www.tarpoftandtalbert.com.

Gough

FROM PAGE B4

Contribution. If this is the case, contribute as much as possible so you can make the most of the match.

You may also want to consider investing in the stock market. With a strategy called "dollar cost averaging," you can invest a set amount of money on a regular basis, regardless of the price of the investment, therefore helping you deal with market fluctuations. With this strategy you buy fewer shares when the price of the investment is high and more shares when the price is low, therefore reducing your average price per share.

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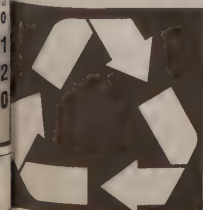
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1834 ARLINGTON BLVD. EL CERRITO
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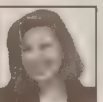
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243 COLUSA AVENUE. KENSINGTON
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515 COLUSA AVENUE BERKELEY
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508 VILLAGE DRIVE EL CERRITO
Head-On Golden Gate View! French doors to beautiful view deck from the living room of this 2++bedroom, 2-bath home. Excellent move-in condition. Hardwood floors, fireplaces upstairs & downstairs, studio, lower level family room and office.
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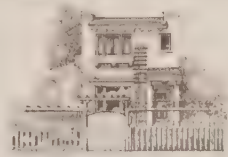
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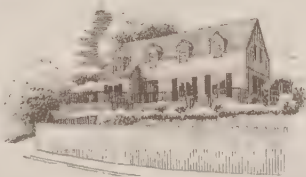
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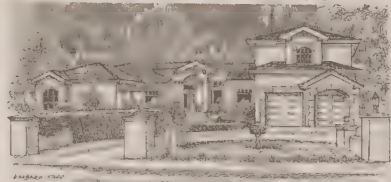


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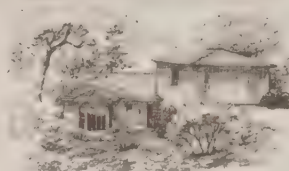
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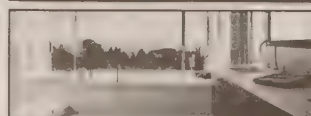
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338 CORAL SEA STREET \$1,098,000
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310 COURT STREET \$750,000
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133 SANTA CLARA AVE #212 \$398,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
LOCATION, LOCATION. Large 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome w/new flooring, interior laundry room, lg. closets and MORE!
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2804 SAN JOSE AVENUE \$555,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
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1715 HIGH STREET \$749,500
Fernside District Open Sunday 2-4
Price Reduction! Charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful hardwood floors, formal DR & bonus room.
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1605 BUENA VISTA AVENUE \$820,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
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405 LAGUNARIA \$659,000
Harbor Bay Open Sunday 2-4
Absolutely stunning! Top of the line remodel. Granite counters in bright kitchen, private patios, unbelievable baths and MUCH MORE!
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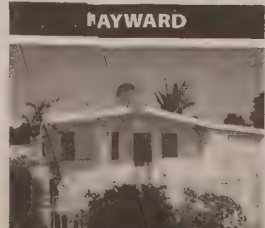
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1533 PACIFIC AVENUE \$450,000
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Practically rebuilt with many repairs and replacements. New bath fixtures, Berber/Pergo floors, 2 sheds & more! Expansion possibilities.
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955 SHOREPOINT CT. #212 \$325,000
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3573 SADOW BROOK \$675,000
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27827 POMIANO AVENUE \$569,000
Hayward Open Sat & Sun 2:30-4:30
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3507 LAUREL AVENUE \$499,000
Lower Laurel Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home w/hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and bathroom. This home is ready for you to move right in!
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360 VERNON STREET #101 \$365,000
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3825 HIGH STREET \$450,000
Villa Del Lago Open Sunday 1-3
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27 SHADOW MOUNTAIN \$619,000
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3718 COLUMBIAN DRIVE NEW \$535,000
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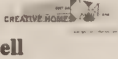
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RICHMOND

Sunday 2-4:30 \$525,000
3111 Henderson. 3BR/2BA, very pretty, great shop! All appliances included!
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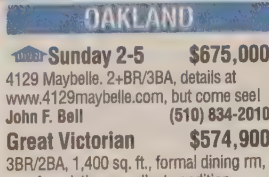
Sunday 2-5 \$479,000
1142 Liberty St. Affordable 2BR/1BA with h/w floors, updated kitchen & bath, near BART.
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Sunday 2-5 \$859,000
1024 Harvard Rd. Price reduced! Lovely 3BR/1BA Traditional w/wonderful detailing.
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Sunday 2-4:30 \$519,000
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Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670

Sat 1-4/Sun 1-5 \$479,000
2438 Renwick St. Please stop by! (510) 326-3900.
Robbie Diaz (510) 834-2010

Sunday 1-4 \$479,000
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Sunday 2-4:30 \$430,000
3030 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Best deal, 4BR's, formal dining room, large kitchen, near transportation.
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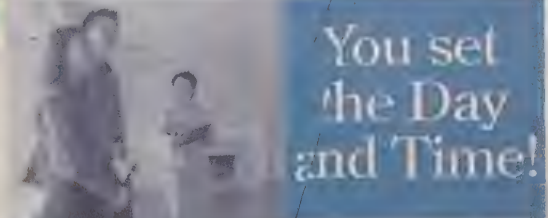
Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,785,000
6021 Acacia Ave. Gracious 4BR/2.5BA Colonial in prestigious Claremont Pines.
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Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,100,000
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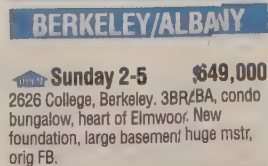
Sunday 2-4:30 \$765,000
1240 Bates Rd. New price on charming 3BR/2BA Spanish Mediterranean.
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Sunday 2-4 \$569,000
535 Madison, Albany. 2+BR/1BA, view home plus spaces/extension potential.
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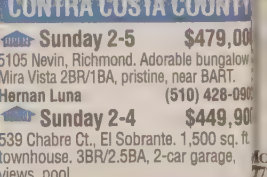


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Sunday 1-4 \$529,000
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Sunday 1-4 \$509,000
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Does a swimming pool add or detract from a home's value?

BY ROBERT J. BRUSS
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Dear Bob: I read your advice every week and have saved a lot of money by following it. Now I am evaluating my house for sale purposes. Does my fenced swimming pool add or detract from a home's value? Would it pay to finish our unfinished basement before listing our home for sale? — Helene B.

Dear Helene: Many buyers who have small children do not want a house with a swimming pool because of the potential danger. Your fenced pool does have a safety advantage, though.

However, families with older or children find pools wonderful. Obviously, summer is the best time of year to sell a home with a pool, especially if many homes in your vicinity don't have them. But don't expect to receive a much higher price. Pools rarely add much market value to homes. Buyers either

love 'em or hate 'em.

As for finishing off the basement, if your home is short of space and does not have a family room, modest spending to make the basement attractive could be money well-spent. Before doing anything, please interview three successful realty agents who sell homes in your neighborhood about listing your home for sale. They can best advise if a finished basement will add to your home's market appeal and increase your profit.

Should elderly mother add son's name to home title?

Dear Bob: I am 78. My single son lives in my free-and-clear house with me and helps take care of me and the house. He divorced his wife a few years ago. I am considering adding him to my title in case I die. But a friend says I shouldn't do that. She said if my son gets in trouble, such as an auto accident for which

he is liable, my house could then become subject to a judgment. Because my son has poor credit and changes jobs often, I'm also concerned if he is on the title he might pressure me to sell the house or borrow against it. What would you do in this situation? — Meg W.

Dear Meg: Instead of adding your son to the title, I suggest deeding your home's title into your revocable living trust. If you don't have a living trust, you should.

The terms of the living trust can specify that after you pass on, title goes to your son (presuming that's what you want). You can also name your son as successor trustee.

With the living trust, if your son gets into trouble, or if he dies before you do, your home won't be subject to possible complications.

For more details on living trusts, please consult a local estate planning attorney.

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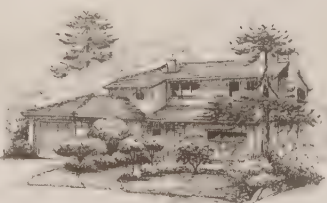
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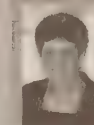
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250 FAIRLANE DR SUN 2 - 5
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133 FAIRLANE DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 3.5 BA 1993 Traditional, family room off kitchen, library, plus rooms, easy access to outdoor living.
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MONTCLAIR
555 SHEPHERD CYN RD SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Maple flrs, spacious kit & 1 rm. Lg level yd, master ste, 2 fpls, by cont'dr pathway.
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6128 S. ROCKRIDGE SUN 2 - 5
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6802 GUNN DR SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
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5573 MERRIEWOOD DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Updated & unique. Woodsy, beautifully finished. Convenient location.
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6876 PINEHAVEN RD SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 2 BA Fully remodeled. Sunny park-like setting w/wood flrs, huge yard.
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5765 BALBOA DR SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Verdant views, secluded w/level patio, knotty pine den & space for potential expansion.
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MONTCLAIR
6608 PINEHAVEN RD SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Charming cottage. Hwd flrs, fpls, updated kit w/marble, lg patio.
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SAN LEANDRO
561 JOAQUIN AVE SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman. LR w/fpls. Lg private yd w/play structure. Hwd flrs, conv location.
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2026 CEDAR ST SUN 2 - 4
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3660 CALAFIA AVE SUN 1 - 4
3+BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remod Tudor w/hwd flrs, crown molding, patio, 2-car garage, landscaped yard.
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6123 ROSALIND AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
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5109 LAWTON AVE SUN 2 - 4
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4210 MARKET ST SAT/SUN 1:30 - 5
3 BR 1 BA Updated home with yard, garage & duplex poss. Avail owner finance www.4210MarketStreet.com
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2421 7TH ST SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Great invest opp. Charming home w/good bones, expansion potential. Deep lot for 2nd res.
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TARA HILLS/BAYVIEW PARK
2328 SHAWN DR SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Beautiful Tara Hills home. Spacious, remod kit, hwd flrs, granite countertops, 2-car garage.
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1382 HEARST AVE SUN 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Craftsman home near N. Berk BART. Lrg kit, private yrd, home office, excellent condition.
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218 DUNCAN WAY SAT/SUN 1 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Close to shops/freeway, bright, cozy cottage exudes charm. Large lot. Great starter.
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3107 BERLIN WAY SUN 1 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Sweet bungalow ready to move in. Hwd flrs, fpls, in LR, 2 rms, idea for stud, guest.
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3 BR 1 BA Updated bungalow w/bay windows, back deck, remodeled kit. Over 1300 sqft. - a must-see!
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3048 BONA ST SUN 2 - 4:30
2+BR 1 BA Beautiful Craftsman w/plus room, vintage built-ins, wood details.
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3534 68TH AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Lovely w/lg windows, hwd flrs, brick fireplace, eat-in kitchen, stone patio & stage garage.
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rate as low as .50 and .25 percent, but, most lenders are offering first year rates between one and two percent.

This payment is the less than interest-only payment and allows borrowers to use the equity in their property to help them afford their house payments. The difference between the minimum payment and the interest-only payment is added to the principal – the original loan amount – and the principal grows.

This is also known as negative amortization because the mortgage loan grows instead of reducing. The first year's minimum payment would be \$1,264 per month.

The interest-only payment. This payment is based on the fully indexed rate, which is when the index (we'll use the Monthly Treasury Average or MTA at 4.58 percent) is added to the margin (the bank's profit at 2.25 percent and the only thing that is fixed in an adjustable rate mortgage), in our case the fully indexed rate would be 6.83 percent for an interest-only payment of \$2,846. There would be no negative amortization with this payment. The difference between the interest-only payment and the first year's minimum payment is \$1,582. This is the amount that is added to the principal when the minimum payment is made.

The 40-year fully amortizing payment. This payment is also based on the fully indexed rate of 6.83 percent and the payment with this option would be \$3,046. That \$200 difference between the interest-only payment and the fully amortized payment is going toward paying down the principal.

The 15-year fully amortizing payment. This payment option pays of the loan in 15 years would be \$4,447.

The most important thing a borrower must understand is that the Option ARM is a monthly adjustable rate mortgage. While the minimum payment is fixed for a year at a time, the underlying note rate will rise and fall as the index moves.

The MTA Index is a pretty stable index, a twelve month weighted average, and where as each new month's index is incorporated into the mix and the previous year's month falls off. The index value twelve months ago for the MTA was about 3.68 percent. As short term rates rose (when the Fed's raise rates) it affected the costs for treasuries bills as well and we have seen a rise in adjustable rates and fixed rates.

It is also important to remember that the minimum payment will increase 7.5 percent annually. So, with the first year's minimum payment at \$1,264 per month, the second year's minimum payment would be \$1,358, the third year's minimum payment would be \$1,460 and the fourth year's minimum payment increases to \$1,569.

The lender sends a payment statement every month outlining the payment options and the deferred interest balance. The borrower can pay down or back the deferred interest at any time they desire.

The biggest issue, I believe, is that this loan is not being presented to the public properly. There are some mortgage brokers who may not really understand the loan product themselves.

I have read about people who have refinanced out of their low 5 percent fixed rate mortgages to get that low 1 percent start rate with out really understanding that this is an adjustable rate mortgage.

This loan offers much to those borrowers who need the flexibility of the payment options as a cash management tool. It is fabulous for those people who are equity rich but need mortgage payment relief. It was designed for people who get big lump sum bonuses or commissions who if they desire to, can pay down or off the deferred interest that is growing their loan.

And, it is extremely important to understand that at some point, for those who plan to use the minimum payment for an extended period of time that they will need to plan to refinance again once the loan balance reaches 110 percent of the original loan amount.

In our loan scenario, the minimum payment adds about \$1,400 per month (averaging the amount as the minimum payment increases) to the principal balance. At that rate it will take about 36 months to reach 110 percent. So it is very important to avoid anything longer than a three-year prepayment penalty, which usually equivalent to six months interest.

The fully indexed rate in our scenario is currently 6.83 percent so the minimum prepayment penalty would be about \$1,575. Again, it is a good idea to limit a

prepayment penalty to one year so that if fixed interest rates do drop considerably, you can refinance.

When the loan reaches that 110 percent mark, the lender will recast the note, that is, turn that original \$500,000 loan into a \$550,000 loan. It no longer has the four payment options, it is strictly an adjustable rate mortgage amortized over the remaining term of the loan. So if it takes 3 years to reach 110 percent, the original forty year amortization becomes a 37-year amortization.

There are several lenders who are offering 115 percent and 125 percent maximum negative amortization. In those cases, the loan to value (when the loan amount is divided by the appraised value) or the combined loan to value (when you have a first loan and a second loan combination) cannot exceed 75 to 80 percent.

There is one lender who is offering a single note to 90 percent loan to value, but the low start rate starts at 4.10 percent and is based on a 30-year amortization. The difference between the fully indexed rate and the minimum payment is a much smaller amount and the loan grows more slowly.

It's all about understanding how the loan works. What 'Business Week' called a time bomb ticking away is really an opportunity for the borrower to use equity like a little monthly loan without all the paperwork.

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Subdividing property a tricky matter

Q. My wife and I purchased a 2-plus-acre parcel, in March 2006. This lot has two custom homes (1,800 and 1,000 square foot) located on opposite ends. Although the homes share a well and a small portion of the driveway off the paved county road, they have separate addresses, septic systems, propane tanks and electric. These homes and the lot are located in Madera County.

We are looking for any help or suggestions for the easiest and

proper way to apply for a subdivision of this property. We would like to end up with two separate parcels and a home on each and sell them separately.

Are you aware of any rules or situations that would allow this subdivision in Madera County?

A. You should contact the city and obtain a copy of the residential development standards. This will provide you with information on the minimum lot size requirements, location of the septic systems and

side and rear yard setbacks. This will provide specific information on the requirements that must be met for a house to be constructed.

You should also contact the city zoning office and discuss your subdivision plans with the zoning staff. The zoning staff will be able to determine the degree the existing homes meet current requirements and inform you if a variance is needed.

You may have to address issues associated with lot size require-



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Real Estate Q&A

ments, setbacks, easements, location of septic systems and a well agreement.

From your letter I cannot determine the reaction of the neighbors to your plan. If you need a variance

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MAGNIFICENT CLAREMONT PINES ESTATE



Splendid 5+ bedroom 4+ bath Georgian Colonial designed by renowned architect Clarence Tantau. Situated on a double lot, this fabulous light-filled home surrounded by gardens offers superb architectural detailing, great indoor-outdoor living, a cabana, lovely vistas, privacy, an ideal location & San Francisco views. First time on the market in over 43 years.

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1416 Devonshire Dr.
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

Rare find. Two-story contemporary home only 7-years old. 4 bdrms all on one level, 3 baths. Watch the sunset from the fabulous master bdrm. Large living room, dining room, gourmet kitchen with eating space, large family room all with doors to outside and to Bay views. Exquisite garden and Yosemite waterfall.

Maya Trilling x18 \$1,095,000



2530 Mira Vista Dr., El Cerrito
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

That rare find – a gorgeous contemporary home w/dramatic spaces, high ceilings, and modern construction details nestled in a long-established, charming neighborhood. 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, family room, formal dining room, spacious master suite, office, views, great light, 2-car garage & more.

Gertrude Villanueva x42 \$849,000



1971 El Dorado, Berkeley
By Appointment

New listing! Terrific 1925 traditional in covered locale brwn Gourmet Ghetto & Solano. 1st time on market in 45 years! Spacious liv. rm & dining rm. "Country" kit. opens to amazing level, park-like garden. 3 bdrms, 1 bath on main level. Bonus rm, bath, workshop & basement on lower level. Detached garage. Great opportunity!

Nancy Mueller x20 \$825,000



218 Beverly Ave., San Leandro
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

2-story, updated Tudor Revival home in sought-after Broadmoor Manor. Gracious tiled entry leads to liv. rm w/tiled flr, lrg formal dining rm & spacious, updated kit. 3 bdrms, 2 full baths, plus space could be office. Sep. structure makes a great office, gym, playroom or workshop w/ skylights. 2-car gar. www.218Beverly.com.

Arlene Baxter x19 \$645,000



2716 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! Charming Elwood Craftsman in everyone's favorite neighborhood. 2+ bdrms, 1+ baths. Warm, spacious living rm w/cross-hatch window panes. Formal dining rm w/original Craftsman built-ins, leaded glass, glowing redwood. Deep, wonderful yard for inspired gardeners and/or pets.

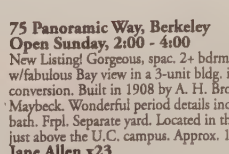
Barbara Conheim x28 \$735,000



2729 Grant Ave., Richmond N. & E
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

Distinctive 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath Tudor in North & East neighborhood. Gorgeous hardwood flrs, frpl, sep. dining & living rms, kitchen w/breakfast nook. Large bedrooms. Huge level, fenced & grassy backyard w/both play area and patio, plus a cottage and storage shed. Multi-use 2-car garage.

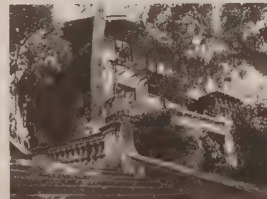
Chris & Sandy x54 \$559,000



75 Panoramic Way, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! Gorgeous, spac. 2+ bdrm, 1 bath TIC Craftsman w/fabulous Bay view in a 3-unit bldg. in the process of condo conversion. Built in 1908 by A. H. Broad, contractor for Maybeck. Wonderful period details including vintage kit. & bath. Frpl. Separate yard. Located in the hills off Orchard Steps just above the U.C. campus. Approx. 1,265 sq. ft.

Jane Allen x23 \$575,000



73 Panoramic Way, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00

New Listing! Gorgeous 1 bdrm, 1 bath TIC Craftsman w/partial Bay view in 3-unit bldg. in the process of condo conversion. Built in 1908 by A. H. Broad, contractor for Maybeck. Wonderful period details including vintage kit. & bath. Frpl. Separate yard. Located in the hills off Orchard Steps just above the U.C. campus. Approx. 825 sq. ft.

Jane Allen x23 \$375,000



5541 Bayview, Richmond Annex
By Appointment

2 bdrms. Beautifully restored, preserving original charm. Move-in condition! Light & sunny rooms. New stove, water heater, wall furnace, more! Big backyard with vegetable garden plot. Watch the video at www.myrealtygirl.com.

Jean Auka x16 \$399,000

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This sweet cottage was being built as horses and buggies clopped along down Rio Vista, getting ready for the very steep hill up to Fairmount Avenue. The hill was closed to traffic, but this cottage still stands almost 100 years later, ready for new owners. It has a newer kitchen, comfy living room, and dining room downstairs, 2 sunny bedrooms and a deck upstairs, which overlooks the big grassy back yard. There's a garage and parking for 2 cars besides. All a block from historic and bustling Piedmont Avenue!

16 Rio Vista Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$562,000



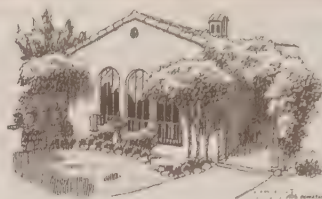
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21 Bonita Avenue, Piedmont ~ Offered at \$1,195,000

Centrally located on a tree lined street this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has been extensively renovated. From the arched doorways to the gleaming hardwood floors this home provides architectural interest. The spacious family room opens to a private, well landscaped patio and garden.



I represented the Buyers
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BERKELEY - NEW! \$979,000
4+2 - Quintessential Berkeley brown shingle plus studio apartment and workshop. San Francisco and Bay views.
1624 MLK Jr. Way Open 2-4:30



PIEDMONT \$965,000
4/2.5 - Craftsman with built-ins, designer colors, hardwood floors, deck, study, garden with fruit trees & raised beds for planting.
63 Wildwood Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$950,000
2BLDG-1LOT - Fixer special! Warehouse & grand Victorian on huge lot. Warehouse has new roof & retrofitted. www.saragarabedian.com
1014 60th Street Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$899,000
2/1.5 - A boater's dream. Perched on the marina with an attached boat dock. Remodeled open floor plan. www.katieandmark.com
1310 Mallard Drive Open 2-4

ALBANY - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - Delightful 1920's Craftsman on a quiet, tree-lined street. Wood floors, fireplace, detached garage.
735 Evelyn Avenue Open 2-4:30

BERKELEY - NEW! \$525,000
2/1.5 - Wonderful home needs a little TLC. Full basement with bath, large private backyard with mature fruit trees, eat-in kitchen.
1422 Kains Avenue Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND - NEW! \$689,000
LOFT - 1+1/2 Ideal & modern. 1,400 sq.ft. Gourmet kitchen, vaulted ceiling, office loft / flex space, parking.
2875 Glascock Street #214 Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$485,000
3/1 - Level in condo. Kitchen with granite counters, travertine stone in bath, bamboo floors, lush landscaping, secure off-street parking.
622 Alcatraz Avenue #A Open 2-4

ALBANY - NEW! \$499,000
2/1 - Cosmetic fixer Tudor style. Updated kitchen, fireplace, fenced backyard, fruit trees, brick bbq, garage. www.saragarabedian.com
935 Stannage Avenue Sat & Sun 1-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$379,000
1+1 - Lovely residence; detached, with deck and garden. Very convenient location. Near BART and shops.
1274 Delaware Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND - NEW! \$645,000
3/2 - Country living in the city! Bright & spacious Grass Valley home. Comfortable floor plan, landscaped lot.
10715 Cotter Street Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$449,000
3/1 - Top floor condo. Kitchen with granite counters, travertine stone in bath, bamboo floors, lush landscaping, secure off-street parking.
626 Alcatraz Avenue #D Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$849,000
4/3 - "Gourmet Ghetto" home. Sunny kitchen with french doors to huge park-like backyard with pergola & patio. Sunny upper deck.
1629 Grant Street Open 2-4

EL CERRITO - NEW! \$595,000
2/1 - Excellent condition. Hardwood floors, central heating, updated kitchen & bath, insulated attic, fireplace, upgraded electrical.
552 Colusa Avenue Open 1-4

OAKLAND \$575,000
2+2 - Urban cottage with arch designed additions has gourmet kitchen, wood floors, deck & more. www.saragarabedian.com
5930 Valjejo Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$325,000-\$334,000 each
4 LOFTS - In a very cool warehouse conversion with mezzanines, stained concrete, marble, skylights & more! www.saragarabedian.com
2201 West Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$685,000
3/1.5 - Classic Berkeley Edwardian. Recently updated, lovely gardens, office/plus room. 2 blocks from BART.
3204 Ellis Street Open 2-4

EMERYVILLE \$545,000
LOFT - Stunning New York style brick & timber loft in 10-units warehouse conversion. Skylights, laundry in unit. www.saragarabedian.com
1250 Powell Street #7 Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$499,000
2/1 - Fantastic starter in the foothills. Large lot, workshop, long driveway, private backyard with large trees. Must see!
3709 Keller Avenue Open 1:30-4:30

PINOLE \$559,900
4/2 - Sparkling remodel with hill views. New granite kitchen & baths, large yard, fireplace. Convenient location. www.justsellmyhouse.com
1989 Shea Drive Open 2-4

BERKELEY - NEW! \$649,000
2/1 - Craftsman bungalow with character. Big rooms, huge lot. Oversized detached garage has potential for workshop or art studio.
1520 Lincoln Street Open 2-4:30

HERCULES \$889,000
3+2+ - 2-story custom Craftsman with designer upgrades. Wood floors, fireplace, gourmet kitchen with granite. www.saragarabedian.com
1081 Promenade Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND \$495,000
2/1 - North Oakland Craftsman. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, fireplace, formal dining room, garden. www.5410marketstreet.com
5410 Market Street Open 1-4

RICHMOND - NEW! \$360,000
2+1 - Spacious home with roses in front. Charming details within. Studio in back. Plus room upstairs in the converted attic.
732 16th Street Open 2-4

BERKELEY \$585,000
2/1 - 1932 California style split level home in Westbrae. Fresh interior paint, refinished oak floors, formal dining room.
1300 Santa Fe Avenue Open 2-4:30

KENSINGTON - NEW! \$829,000
3/3 - Large home, possible 4th bedroom, on 10,000 sq.ft. landscaped lot. Views of Bay Bridge & more. www.charliecookproperties.com
38 Franciscan Way Open 2-4:30

OAKLAND \$489,000
2/1 - Gardener's delight. Craftsman style bungalow surrounded by lush landscaping. Details throughout. Fireplace, hardwood floors.
882 46th Street Open 2-4

SAN LEANDRO - NEW! \$695,000
3/2 - 1940's home in Estudillo Estates. Original architectural details, random plank hardwood floors, fireplace.
820 Bridge Road Open 1-4:30

BERKELEY - NEW! \$549,000
2/1.5 - Split level fixer in Northbrae. Attached garage & laundry room. Hardwood floors, fireplace, big backyard.
1350 Hopkins Street Open 2-4

OAKLAND - NEW! \$725,000
3/2 - Home 2/1 with hardwood floors, fireplace, remodeled kitchen & bath. In-law 1/1 with fireplace, parquet floors. Yard, deck, garage.
1120 Everett Avenue Open 2-4

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Located on a quiet street in the desirable Glenview district of Oakland; this inviting, Hansel/Grettle style home exudes character. The ample bay windows drench the house in sunlight. Dressed up with freshly painted walls and hardwood floors, the layout provides for easy living. The main house boasts a remodeled kitchen with tile floors, an updated bathroom and two bedrooms. Downstairs, features a one bedroom in-law with a separate entrance, beautiful parquet floors, a fireplace, a newer kitchen and bath. Surrounded by mature trees, you will find an expansive backyard with garage. All in close proximity to Park Boulevard shops, restaurants, schools. Moderate weather, a diverse population, and great neighborhood await a new homeowner. LISTED AT \$725,000

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a public hearing to discuss the partition will be held. In anticipation of that event it would be a good idea (prior to filing the application for the variance) to discuss your plan with the neighbors and gauge their reaction. Hopefully, in the event that you need a variance, you can obtain the support of the neighbors on a petition calling for approval of the variance.

Q. In the 1960s my husband and I purchased two adjoining lots in a Massachusetts development. We have paid the taxes on this property for the last 40 years. We recently decided to sell. The sale amount would only be around \$20,000. The Realtor called us with an interested party one year ago. We had to have a PERK test done; the property passed. The deal fell through.

This year the Realtor called again with a very interested buyer who went to the building inspector's office to make sure everything would be OK for him to build on the combined lots. The building inspector called me in Florida to tell me that in the 1970s the zoning laws had changed to prohibit building on property less than 2 acres (our two lots are a total of 1 1/2 acres). I never received any notice of this zoning change.

I wrote to the Zoning Board of Appeals asking for a variance (which the building inspector said would go along with the sale). I received a packet from them requiring me to fill out multiple forms (some of which I do not understand), telling me to send a check for \$100 with the forms and also telling me to be prepared to cover the cost of newspaper publishing.

They also said I would either have to be present at the hearing or have legal representation.

As I am in Florida, caring for my husband with Alzheimer's, going to Massachusetts is not an option. I would have to hire an attorney. After paying for the PERK test, paying all the above mentioned fees, paying the realtor 10 percent and whatever an attorney would charge - I probably would not recoup the initial purchase price and the tax money I have paid out.

I would have considered going ahead with all of this had the letter from the Zoning Board not stated "and we rarely grant variances."

My newest tax bill has arrived. I am considering just not paying the taxes and let what happens, happen.

Thank you for any help you can offer.

A. If you have a buyer for the property, you should explore the option of having the buyer work with your Realtor to secure the variance. Based on your letter it is hard to determine the likelihood of obtaining a variance.

Will neighbors be opposed to the variance? Will planning and zoning officials be opposed? If you do not pay the property taxes, the property will ultimately become tax forfeited and ownership will revert to the taxing jurisdiction. If you choose not to pay the property taxes, you will not be subject to any further liability than losing the property in the tax foreclosure proceedings.

Dr. Thomas Musil is the director of the Shenehon Center for Real Estate in the College of Business at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. E-mail questions to: tmusil@stthomas.edu.

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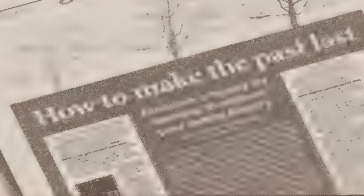
Recently renovated, this classic three bedroom, two bath home is located on a level lot. This home is a blend of wonderful architectural details with today's taste. The spacious living room and formal dining room have gleaming hardwood floors, leaded glass cabinets, crown molding and French doors. There is a large back yard and an attached garage.



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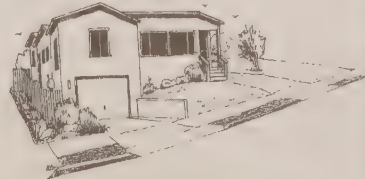
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3+BR w/Master Suite, 3BA, gleaming new hardwood flrs, tile kitchen flrs. Updated kitchen w/granite countertops, and stainless appliances. New dual pane windows, Bay views, 2-car garage, tile roof, family room.

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David Ichikawa
510.338.1331

4615 Rockingham Court, Oakland
Offered at \$3,995,000

Designed by Phillip Perkins and built by Edward Lee, this new home is a hallmark of modern art and workmanship. The private, gated estate at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac opens to spectacular 4 bridge views. Wrapping around the home is a beautifully landscaped courtyard. The club level hosts a game room, sumptuous theater and wine cellar. 6 bedrooms, 6+ bathrooms, including a luxurious master suite.

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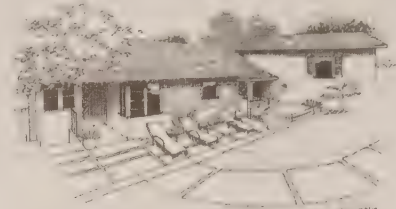


Dwight McCan
510.378.8700

3932 Atlas Avenue, Oakland
Offered at \$599,000

Handsome all-level 2BR, 1BA craftsman built in 1928. Unique living room with tiled fireplace flanked by built-ins and stained glass windows. Gorgeous hardwood floors throughout. Formal dining room with built-ins. Light and spacious remodeled kitchen with adjoining breakfast room. The one bath is large and has an upgraded step in shower. A detached garage, workshop and garden add to the finishing touches of this fine home. Take a tour at www.dianemccan.com.

NEW UPPER ROCKRIDGE LISTING
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Donna Costella
510.338.1355

5680 Estates Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$749,000

The immaculately landscaped gardens, private outdoor spaces, spa tub and outdoor shower create a resort-like atmosphere in this unique home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths including separate guest quarters have been designed with taste & character. Conveniently located a few blocks from Montclair Village and in the Hillcrest School District. Photos @ www.5680estates.com

OAKLAND
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Robyn Mohr
510.338.1310

3283 Dakota Street, Oakland
Offered at \$529,000

Level-in to a lovely 2++ bedroom, 2 bath home on a cul-de-sac. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, rumpus room, extra plus room could be third bedroom. Updated bath, hardwood floors, just painted. A treat to see!

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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000
1999 TUNNEL RD.

Wonderful 4++BR/4++BA Traditional w/fabulous views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate library, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,549,000
1999 TUNNEL RD.

Grand new Richard Janzen designed custom contemporary. 4BR/3.5BA, elevator, separate guest office suite, gourmet kitchen, level indoor/outdoor living areas. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

BERKELEY \$1,395,000
1925 HILLEGASS AVE.

BR/3.5BA. Legendary Elmwood craftsman with in-law quarters. Large sunny garden & rear deck. Apple trees, French country kitchen. Lori Lombardo x1377



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,325,000
1957 BROOKSIDE AVE.

Beautiful Mark Becker designed 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean built in 2000. Gourmet eat-in kitchen, formal dining room level-out to garden patio. Nancy Moore x1302

HADDON HILL \$995,000
180 HADDON RD.

Turn-of-the-century Dutch Colonial with extra-large front porch. Unique stainless steel entry, dining areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, home office. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,348,000

Spectacular view contemporary home designed by Phil Perkins. 4++BR/4.5BA, open living & dining areas, slate terraces, wired media rooms, home office. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



FAYETTE \$1,995,000

Extra-sleek contemporary remodeled with an eclectic floor. Unique stainless steel entry, dining areas, chef's kitchen. Glass-walled lanai, pool & sweeping views. Steven Biasini x1379

BERKELEY \$1,350,000

BR/3++BA. Fabulous contemporary with sweeping San Francisco & Golden Gate Bridge views. Vaulted ceiling. Separate home office. Nancy Noman x1373

BERKELEY \$975,000
2800 DERBY ST.

Stately Elmwood brown shingle. Beautiful windows and craftsman details. Sunny, easy care garden. Room for expansion. 4BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x1336

MONTCLAIR \$969,000
5977 HARBOR DR.

Elegant & charming 4BR/2.5BA home located on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Soaring ceilings, skylights, canyon views from most rooms. Large lot. Kathleen Callahan x1343

GRAND LAKE \$949,000
578 MIRA VISTA AVE.

Stately traditional gem in the popular Rose Garden area. Wonderful original architectural detail with modern upgrades. Beautiful vistas. 4+BR/2+BA. Donna DeBardi x1374



OAKLAND HILLS \$896,000
4959 STONERIDGE CT.

New Listing! Spacious 4BR/3BA Ridgmont home built in 1988. 3-car garage, deck, level yard. Beautiful canyon views. Freshly painted. Located on peaceful cul-de-sac. Leslie Easterday x1363

MONTCLAIR \$849,000
1880 ARROWHEAD DR.

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New Listing! 5BR/3BA. Beautiful Victorian on extra large sunny lot. Near BART. High ceilings, fireplace, hardwood. Duplex or large home + income. Nancy Noman x1373



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Stunning remodeled craftsman compound. 2BR/1BA up. 2BR/BA non-conforming up-air down. Large studio in the back yard. Close to transportation, shopping. Dan Joy x1304



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$650,000
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Chic 1920s bungalow in prime location. 3+BR/1BA, updated kitchen & bath, gleaming hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, new windows & doors. Fritz Hochfellner x1348

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$649,000
201 4TH ST. #411

Sophisticated loft living from this bright 2BR/2BA corner unit. Custom upgrades & finishes. Beautifully painted, hi-end lighting, granite counters. Dan Joy x1304

DIMOND \$619,000
3539 BOSTON AVE.

3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Adorable craftsman bungalow lovingly restored. Decorator colors, fireplace, hardwood floors, lovely yard. Nancy Noman x1373

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PIEDMONT AVENUE \$562,000
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Charming two-story Craftsman near Gourmet Ghetto. Remodeled kitchen. Cozy study. Pretty garden. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Nancy Noman x1373

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$739,000

Delightful 3BR/2BA home in Trestle Glen area. Upgraded kitchen with sliding glass doors, spacious master bedroom, large basement, garage. Dolores Thom x1364

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$735,000

Traditional 3BR/1BA home with separate living & dining rooms. Sensibly arranged kitchen with eat-in breakfast area. Conveniently located. Jeffrey Neideman x1385

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Classic 1924 bungalow-style home. Fabulous newer kitchen, 1 year new roof, newer sewer line. Side deck, yard & hot tub. 3BR/1BA. Ann Nichols x1319

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Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium. two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373

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Stylish 2-story townhouse w/outstanding South Bay views. Large open living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace, spacious kitchen & dining area, 2BR/2.5BA. Lori Lombardo x1377

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$589,000

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Rare find top floor condominium. Spacious sunny living & dining areas that open onto large balcony. Eat-in kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, washer/dryer. Ashley O'Neill x1368

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Online market grows for real estate advertising

■ Newspapers still top recipient for real estate ad spending

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.
INMAN NEWS

Online real estate advertising grew from a \$1.2 billion market in 2004 to a \$1.7 billion market last year, increasing its share of total spending from 10.3 percent to 14.7 percent in that time, according to an annual report produced by a research and consulting company.

By 2010, online spending is expected to grow to a \$3.1 billion market, representing an estimated 32.1 percent of the total. Meanwhile, newspaper real estate advertising is projected to shrink from a \$4.7 billion business in 2005 to \$2.9 billion in 2010, and to fall behind online real estate ads in total market share, Portsmouth, Va.-based Borrell Associates reported in "2006 Update: Online Real Estate Advertising."

The report suggests a continuing and rapid migration of real estate ad spending from print media to online media. "The Internet and related technologies have substantially lowered the overall cost of reaching potential home buyers. The same promotional reach simply costs less money today than it did just a few years ago," the report states. "Of all the advertising segments ripe for change, the real estate market might seem so ripe as to be nearly rotten. This is one advertising category where something's got to change."

Total spending on real estate advertising has been mostly stagnant during one of the largest real estate booms in history, ranging from \$11.2 billion to \$11.8 billion for the past five years. The growing share of less costly online real estate ad spending is expected to drop total real estate spending to a level of about \$9.6 billion in 2010, Borrell Associates reported.

Online ad spending has lots of room for growth, according to the report, as 61 percent of agents do not advertise on the Internet and 87 percent of agents do not purchase keyword advertising from Google or Yahoo. In a survey of 535 agents, Borrell Associates also found that 36 percent of agents with more than 10 years of experience were likely to advertise online, while 64 percent of agents with less experience were likely to advertise online. "The rest of the findings indicate that an Internet-marketing gap exists between newer and longtime agents," the report states.

Also, about 41 percent of agents in a June 2006 survey said they do not have a Web presence — "not even a page on their broker's Web site."

In 2005, newspapers had the largest share of real estate ad spending, at 40 percent, followed by other print publications at 17.7 percent, direct mail at 16 percent, online advertising with 14.7 percent, broadcast television with 3.7 percent, and directories with 3.6 percent. Other categories of real estate advertising — including cable television and radio and telemarketing — accounted for less than a 2 percent market share apiece. Real estate ad spending is projected to

drop 39.6 percent for non-newspaper print publications, 33.5 percent for direct mail and 22.6 percent for directories by 2010.

Major metro-area newspapers will likely see the sharpest declines in real estate ad revenue over the next five years, while smaller-circulation newspapers and newsweeklies "have gained favor among agents who seek more efficiency in their advertising" and "are showing increases in real estate revenue while their metro counterparts continue to decline."

Peter Conti Jr., lead author for the report and vice president at Borrell Associates, said that alternative newsweeklies have seen a surge in

advertising, owing largely to the creation of sites such as Backpage.com and Avenews.com that have boosted the volume of online and print listings. "That has helped tremendously," Conti said. "What that shows is that someone had the ability to understand the technology and they were seeing what Craigslist was doing to them and stepping out and creating a whole new product independent of the newspapers."

Another notable trend, Conti said, is the emergence of real estate-related Web 2.0 sites. Many sites, he said, "weren't even on the radar — they weren't even around last year." The report mentions sites like Trulia, edgeio, Oodle and CityCribbs, Google Base and Zillow, among others.

Free property-listing sites are starting to nip at the heels of Craigslist and present new challenges for newspapers. "Last year we were talking about interactive mapping and rich media videos ... now the sites have networking and blogs," Conti said.

Many emerging real estate sites rely on display ads and AdSense advertising for revenue, though it's unclear whether the revenue model could change over time, he said. The report says "The real showdown for advertising dollars online may be over how these sites can and display Realtors' listings."

Google Base, which allows estate professionals and consumers alike to post property information to a searchable database

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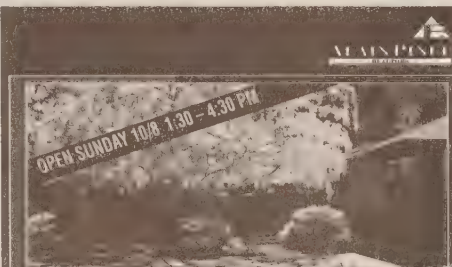
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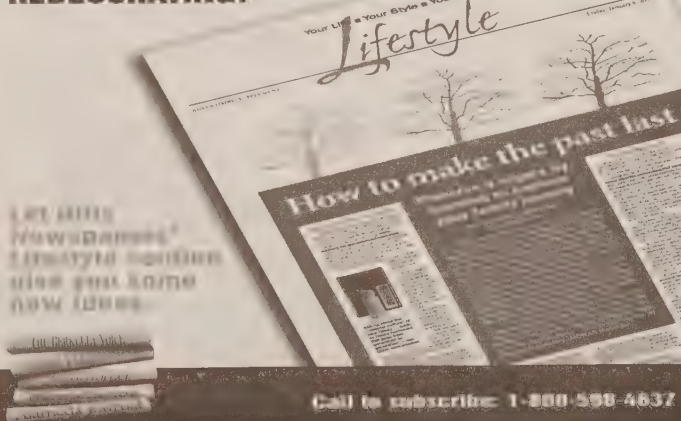
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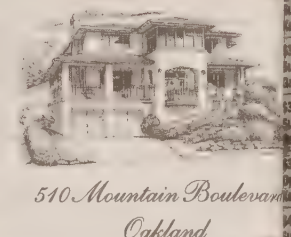
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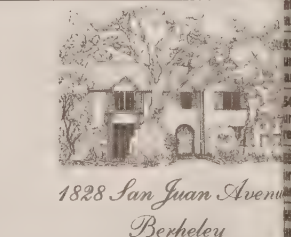
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Alameda	1020 Buena Vista Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-339-8900
Alameda	Central Alameda	510-339-8900	Andrea Gordon
Alameda	31 Cove Rd.	3 BD/2.5 BA	510-814-4814
Alameda	Central Alameda	510-814-4814	Hanna/Eunice Edwards
Alameda	136 Tynbourne Pl.	3 BD/2 BA	510-814-4882
Alameda	Central Alameda	510-814-4882	A. Paulino/B. Abbasi

Alameda	449 Indian Bay	3 BD/2.5 BA	510-387-3790
Alameda	Bayside Real Estate	Colleen McFerrin	
Alameda	1616 Buena Vista Ave	4 BD/3.5 BA	510-910-5204
Alameda	Alameda Realty	Vincent San Nicolas	
Alameda	15 Ferro Ct.	4 BD/2.5 BA	510-814-4848
Alameda	Harbor Bay Realty	Ringo Liu	
Alameda	568 Central Ave.	2 Units	510-814-4813
Alameda	Harbor Bay Realty	West End	510-814-4813
Alameda	1 Ferro Ct.	4 BD/2.5 BA	510-814-4848
Alameda	Harbor Bay Realty	Ringo Liu	
Alameda	3270 Adams St.	3+ BD/3 BA	510-521-1647
Alameda	Bayside Real Estate	Quinn Stone	
Alameda	3104 Gibbons Dr.	4 BD/2.5 BA	510-333-8897
Alameda	Alameda Realty	Eileen Walker	
Alameda	2358 Coral Sea St.	4 BD/2.5 BA	510-748-1108
Alameda	Bayport	510-748-1108	Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.
Alameda	200 Ratto Rd.	4 BD/3 BA	510-814-4859
Alameda	Harbor Bay Realty	Karen Wellman	
Alameda	3100 Lincoln Avenue	4BD/3.5BA	510-339-8900
Alameda	Alain Pinel Realtors	Andrea Gordon	
Alameda	2934 Northwood Dr.	4 BD/2+ BA	510-337-8670
Alameda	Prudential CA Rhty	Maury McFadden	
Alameda	1007 Morton Street	4BD/3.5BA	510-205-4369
Alameda	Kane & Associates	D. Gunderman/A. Raskopf	
Albany	935 Stannage St	2bd/1ba	510-280-2105
Albany	Red Oak Realty	Sara Garabedian	
Albany	735 Evelyn Ave	2bd/1ba	510-830-9717
Albany	Red Oak Realty	Sam Peterson	
Albany	535 Madison	2+bd/1ba	510-819-1712
Albany	Prudential	Kathleen Wilson	
Albany	518 Curtis St	-bd/-ba	510-527-2700
Albany	Marvin Gardens	Ann Arriola Plant	
Berkeley	1846 Dwight Way	1bd/1ba	510-868-1415
Berkeley	Prudential Berkeley	Rochelle Losman	
Berkeley	2550 Dana #7B	1BD/1BA	510-338-1363
Berkeley	Pacific Union Residential	Leslie Easterday	
Berkeley	1730 Highland Pl	1bd/1ba	510-868-1487
Berkeley	Prudential Berkeley	Barbara Reynolds	
Berkeley	73 Panoramic Way	1bd/1ba	510-524-1700
Berkeley	Berkeley Hills R.E.	Jane Allen	
Berkeley	1274 Delaware St	1+bd/1ba	510-280-2125
Berkeley	Red Oak Realty	Kathy Nitsan	
Berkeley	933 Addison St #E	2bd/1ba	510-595-7699
Berkeley	Keller Williams	Dave Higgins	
Berkeley	2214 A Carleton Street	1+BD/1BA	510-652-2133
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-4:30	Ruth Frassetto	
Berkeley	1328 4th Street	1+BD/1BA	510-706-2937
Berkeley	Live/Work	Anne Bruff & Associates	
Berkeley	2636 Regent St	1BD/-BA	510-527-2700
Berkeley	Marvin Gardens R.E.	Terry Pedersen	
Berkeley	1422 Kalns Ave	2bd/1.5ba	510-220-2126
Berkeley	Red Oak Realty	Sue Arendt	
Berkeley	1350 Hopkins St	2bd/1.5ba	510-280-2108
Berkeley	Red Oak Realty	Robin Kingsbury	
Berkeley	1382 Hearst Avenue	2+BD/1BA	510-486-1495
Berkeley	Coldwell Banker	Holly Rose	
Berkeley	2421 7th Street	2BD/1BA	510-486-1495
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-5	Cheryl Cahn	
Berkeley	2420 Jefferson Ave	2+bd/1+ba	510-868-1515
Berkeley	Prudential Berkeley	Diane Ohlsson	
Berkeley	1314 Poe	2+bd/1+ba	510-848-1950
Berkeley	West Berkeley	Colleen Larkin/Lori Holt	
Berkeley	75 Panoramic Way	2bd/1ba	510-524-1700
Berkeley	Berkeley Hills R.E.	Jane Allen	
Berkeley	1300 Santa Fe Ave	2BD/1BA	510-292-2025
Berkeley	Red Oak Realty	Gillian Leaper	
Berkeley	1812A 6th St	2bd/2ba	510-526-5720
Berkeley	2-4:30 Oceanview	La Malson	
Berkeley	2205 McGee Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-339-0400
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-4:30	Michael Friedman	
Berkeley	2436 Bonar	3bd/1+ba	510-868-1442
Berkeley	Prudential Berkeley	Laura Margulius	
Berkeley	1229 Cornell Ave	2bd/1ba	510-420-0110
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-4:30	Robert Rand	
Berkeley	1312 Northside	DUPLEX	510-848-1950
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-4:30	Westbrae	510-848-1950
Berkeley	Thornwall Properties	Tracy Davis	
Berkeley	1317 Parker Street	4BD/2BA	510-486-1495
Berkeley	Open Sun 2-4:30	Angela & Kevin Cadogan	
Berkeley	1606 Blake Street	3BD/2BA	510-486-1495
Berkeley	Open Sun 1-4	Zanna Kink	
Berkeley	1520 Lincoln St	2bd/1ba	510-835-6218
Berkeley	Red Oak Realty	Heidi & Jerry Long	

Berkeley			
\$649,000	2626 College	3bd/2ba	510-845-0211
Open Sun, 2-5	Prudential Claremont		Debra Alber
\$650,000	488 Kentucky Avenue	3BD/2BA	510-652-2133
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Ruth Frassetto	
\$659,000	1332 Russell St	3bd/2ba	510-559-2932
Open Sat 12-2/ Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	Vanessa Timon Smith	
\$675,000	2026 Cedar Street	2BD/1BA	510-486-1495
Open Sun 2-4	Coldwell Banker	Gene Della Maggiora	
\$685,000	3204 Ellis St	3bd/1.5ba	510-280-2180
Open Sun, 2-4	Red Oak Realty	Mariene Clarke-Axinn	
\$695,000	1655 Scenic	2+bd/1.5ba	510-868-1487
Open 2-4:30pm	No. Berkeley	Barbara Reynolds	
Prudential Berkeley			
\$699,000	1600 Fairview	5BD/3BA	510-338-1373
Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union Residential	Nancy Noman	
\$735,000	2716 Alcatraz Ave	2bd/1+ba	510-524-9888
Open Sun, 2-4	Elmwood	Barbara Conheim	
\$750,000	1492 Campus Drive	3BD/2BA	510-652-2133
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Diane Verducci	
\$799,000	2922-24 Fulton Street	1+BD/1BA	510-339-0400
Open Sat 10-1	The Grubb Co.	Ruth Frassetto	
\$799,000	571 Euclid Avenue	3BD/1.5BA	510-652-2133
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Candice Economides	
\$799,500	1717 Berkeley Way	3BD/2BA	510-339-0400
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Chris Cohn	
\$810,000	1744 Capistrano	2bd/1ba	510-848-1950
Open 2-4:30	Solano Ave	Colleen Larkin	
Thornwall Properties			
\$819,000	1 Menlo Place	2BD/1BA	510-339-0400
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Anne Van Dyke	
\$849,000	1364 Grizzly Peak Blvd.	4BD/2BA	510-339-8900
Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	Tom Erwin	
\$849,000	1629 Grant St	4bd/3ba	510-280-2126
Open Sun, 2-4	Red Oak Realty	Leif Jensen	
\$870,000	2604 Grant St.	3BD/2BA	925-544-0440
Open Sun 1:30-4:30	Prudential California Realty	Kelvin Miller	
\$975,000	2800 Derby	4BD/2BA	510-338-1336
Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union	Jack McPhail	
\$1,125,000	515 Colusa Ave	5+bd/4.5ba	510-502-7199
Open Sun 2-4:30	Marvin Gardens R.E.	Todd Hodson/Ron Egberman	
\$1,150,000	1828 San Juan	3BD/2.5BA	510-339-0400
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Candice Economides	
\$1,195,000	254 Hillcrest	4bd/2ba	510-428-0900
Open Sat 2-4/Sun, 1-5	Claremont	Judith Glass/Shella Sabine	
Prudential Piedmont			
\$1,200,000	721 Creston Rd	5bd/4ba	510-527-8822
Open Sun, 2-4	Millstein & Assoc.	Gene Millstein	
\$1,260,000	26 Northgate Avenue	5BD/4BA	510-899-8000
Open Sun 2-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	Sarah Schlesier	
\$1,395,000	2925 Hillegass	6+BD/3.5BA	510-338-1377
Open 2-4:30	Pacific Union	L. Lombardo	
\$1,540,000	797 San Diego Rd	5bd/4ba	415-451-1460
Open Sun, 2-4:30	Indian Rock	Jane Manning	
Marchant Chapman Realty			
\$1,750,000	2141 Eunice Street	4BD/3BA	510-486-1495
Open/Sun/Sat 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker	Barbara Levy	
\$3,100,000	200 Panoramic Way	5+bd/4+ba	510-845-0211
Open Sun, 1-4	Prudential Claremont	Bart/Rita/Ted	
\$3,500,000	2810 Oak Knoll Terrace	5BD/4BA	510-701-4230
Open Sun 2-5	Pacific Union GMAC	Nancy Rothman	
\$3,500,000	2810 Oak Knoll Terrace	5+BD/4+BA	510-652-2133
Open Sun 2-4:30	The Grubb Co.	Faye Keogh	
Dublin			
\$28,000	7909 Cranford Lane	3 BD/2 BA	510-828-3118
Open 2-4	Jane & Associates	Kathie & Patrick Ng	
El Cerrito			
\$368,000	1751 Liberty St. #105	2bd/2ba	510-691-1222
Open Sun, 2-4	Coldwell Banker Bartels	Sam Cheng	
\$395,000	6400 Moeser Ln #3	2bd/1ba	510-527-2700
Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	Ann Ariola Plant	
\$465,000	1607 Liberty Ave	3bd/2.5ba	510-527-9111
Open Sun, 2-4	Marvin Gardens	Lloyd Jung	
\$479,000	1142 Liberty St	2bd/1ba	510-868-1554 or 1525
Open Sat/Sun 2-5	Prudential Berkeley	Anita Becker/Lisa Pino	
\$479,000	1541 Liberty St.	2bd/1ba	510-375-0303
Open Sun, 2-4:30	Coldwell Banker Bartels	Christopher Chenuait	
\$525,000	6725 Portola Dr	2bd/1+ba	510-207-2968
Open Sun, 2-4	Thornwall Properties	Helen Walker/Katryn Stein	
\$61,000	840 Bates	2bd/1ba	510-526-5031
Open Sun, 2-4	El Cerrito Hills	Seima Kieft	
\$65,000	Berkeley Home R.E.		
\$95,000	552 Colusa Ave	2bd/1ba	510-252-2034
Open Sun, 1-4	Red Oak Realty	David Valdez	
\$29,000	5637 Ludwig Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	925-297-0346
Open Sun 2-4	E/MAX Accord	Magany	
\$639,000	2256 Mira Vista Drive	3BD/1BA	510-521-1177
Open 1-4	Vindermere Real Estate	Peter Fletcher	
\$639,000	2718 9th St	2bd/1.5ba	510-848-1950
Open 2-4:30	West Berkeley	Sandy Parker	
Thornwall Properties			
\$685,000	508 Village Dr	2+bd/2ba	510-559-2932
Open Sun 2-4	Marvin Gardens	Diana Mendez	

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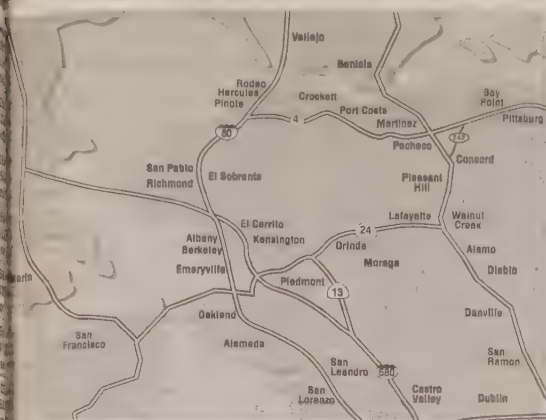
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\$299,000 3065 Kansas Street Unit C 1BD/1BA Open Sun 1-5 Laurel 510-812-3993 Lawton Associates Keith Sjolholm	\$485,000 622 Alcatraz #A 3bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2173 Red Oak Realty Amy Robeson
\$307,000 500 Vernon Street #315 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Rose Garden 510-531-7000 x238 Wells & Bennett Realtors Patsy Buhler	\$485,000 670 Vernon Street 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Avenue 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Michelle Winchester
\$325,000+ 2201 West St. 1bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian	\$488,000 8204 A St. 3bd/2.5ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 510-303-2228 Boulevard Equity Group Fanny Li
\$339,000 525 Mandana Blvd. #103 1 BD/1 BA Sun 1-4 510-337-8670 Prudential CA Realty Nancy Blom	\$489,000 2607 Kingsland 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-529-1743 Red Oak Realty Sarah Richards
\$339,000 827 35th St 3 UNITS Open Sun, 1-4 Emeryville Border 510-834-2010x219 Prudential Grand Lake Roxanne Wong	\$489,000 882 46th St 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2166 Red Oak Realty Julie Cuelias
\$354,000 466 Crescent Street #208 1BD/1BA Open Sun 2-5 Grand Lake 510-531-7000 x278 Wells & Bennett Realtors Bonnie Leftman	\$494,000 311 Oak St. Loft 509 1bd/1.5ba Sun, 2-5 Jack London Square 510-368-0069 Keller Williams Adrian Michelle
\$355,000 245 Perkins #22 1bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Adams Pt 510-595-7699 Keller Williams Dave Higgins	\$495,000 3872 Whittle 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Upper Diamond 510-652-6537 Pacific Union Tom Nemeth
\$365,000 360 Vernon St. #101 1 BD/1 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Adams Point 510-748-2020 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Susan Kaney	\$495,000 5410 Market St 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 1-4 510-759-3677 Red Oak Realty Julia Temple
\$374,000 3215 Lorenzo 1bd/1ba Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair Katie O'Shea	\$495,000 5826 Ayala 1+BD/1BA Open Sun 3-6 Condo 510-290-6559 Lawton Associates Jeff Rosenblom
\$379,000 388 Santa Clara Ave. #202 1+BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4 Lake Merritt 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker CI Boydston	\$499,000 3065 Kansas Street Unit A 3BD/2BA Open Sun 1-5 Laurel 510-812-3993 Lawton Associates Keith Sjolholm
\$399,000 2859 Brookdale Avenue 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1:30-4:30 510-339-8900 Alain Pinel Realtors Anida Weyl	\$499,000 3507 Laurel Ave. 2 BD/1 BA Sat & Sun 2-4 Lower Laurel 510-748-1110 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Sonia Lastreto
\$399,000 3065 Kansas Street Unit B 2BD/1BA Open Sun 1-5 Laurel 510-812-3993 Lawton Associates Keith Sjolholm	\$499,000 3709 Keller Ave 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 1:30-4:30 510-292-2012 Red Oak Realty Aaron Baluyut
\$399,000 750 Oakland Ave #204 1bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-5 Piedmont Ave 510-428-0900 Prudential Piedmont Mark Miller	\$499,950 2740 22nd Ave. 4BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4:30 510-282-4991 Diamond Realty Agent Mokhatibi
\$400,000 3825 High St. 2BD/1BA Sun 1-3 510-748-1188 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Rich Lal	\$505,000 3107 Berlin Way 2bd/1ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker James Brown
\$419,000 300 Lee Street #402 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Ruth Frassetto	\$509,000 585 9th St #307 2bd/2ba Open Sun, 1-4 Downtown 510-868-1575 Prudential Berkeley Jake McTigue
\$419,000 3944 Brookdale Ave Sun 2-4 2bd/1ba Marvin Gardens 510-527-9111 Jean Shrem/Marri Fischer	\$519,000 218 Duncan Way 2BD/1BA Open Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Rose Nied
\$419,000 425 Orange St. #201 2 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-872-6700 Theo Williams, agt.	\$519,000 7652 Outlook Ave. 2 BD/1 BA Sun 2-4:30 510-337-8670 Prudential CA Realty Lillian Liao
\$420,000 3534 68th Avenue 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Reva Tolbert	\$525,000 2845 Madera Ave 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-5 Maxwell Park 510-834-2010 Prudential Grand Lake Richard Matus
\$420,000 7908 Earl St 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 1-4 510-593-3585 Keller Williams Oakland Desiree Feiger	\$525,000 5824 Ayala 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 3-6 Condo 510-290-6559 Lawton Associates Jeff Rosenblom
\$430,000 3030 Martin Luther King Way 4bd/1.5ba Open Sun 2-4:30 510-851-6627 Prudential Grand Lake Shirley Covington	\$529,000 2425 Frances St 3bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-5 Maxwell Park 510-834-2010 Prudential Grand Lake Richard Matus
\$439,000 2033 38th Ave 4bd/2ba Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Adele Wong	\$529,000 295 Lenox Ave #206 2bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Adams Pt 510-595-7699 Keller Williams Dave Higgins
\$449,000 1477 Tucker St 2bd/2.5ba Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Regina Jacobs	\$529,000 3283 Dakota 2+BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-1310 Pacific Union Robyn Mohr
\$449,000 3048 Bona Street 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Fruitvale 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Marlena S. Lyons	\$535,000 3718 Columbian Dr. 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-5 King Estates 510-748-1121 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Angela McIntyre
\$449,000 3528 Penniman Ave 2+bd/1ba Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair Vince Moran	\$535,000 5627 Morse Dr 2+bd/2ba Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Wilbert Ross
\$449,000 622 Alcatraz #D 3bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2173 Red Oak Realty Amy Robeson	\$535,000 5633 Roberts Ave 3bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-636-0606 Re/Max Executive Wayne Wilkerson
\$449,000 8033 Winthrop Street 2BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 510-521-1177 Windermere Real Estate Peter Fletcher	\$535,000 568 Martin St 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Rockridge/Temescal 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Mary Jane McConville
\$459,000 2162 47th Ave. 2+BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4 510-622-8749 Centennial Real Estate Linda Larkin	\$539,000 201 4th Street #412 2BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Jack London Sq. 510-338-1304 Pacific Union GMAC Dan Joy
\$459,000 2828 Short Street 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-594-7455, ext. 202 Anne Bruff & Associates Fred Perkins	\$539,000 3657 Maple Avenue 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-0400 The Grubb Co. Mavis Delacorte
\$465,000 7333 Fresno St. 3bd/1ba Sun, 2-4 510-636-0606 Re/Max Executive Wayne Wilkerson	\$545,000 2944 58th Ave 3bd/2ba Open Sun, 1-4 510-299-3097 New Spring R.E. Jimmy Halloran
\$469,000 5932 Mauritania Ave 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133 The Grubb Co. Helene Barkin	\$549,000 2420 Palmetto St 1+BD/1BA Open Sat-Sun 1-5 Diamond District 510-410-4460 By Owner
\$469,000 740-43rd St 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 1-5 No. Oakland 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair Michael Stephens	\$549,000 376 Orange St. Unit #3 2 BD/1 BA Sun 2-4 Adams Point 510-523-1115 Property Investment Svcs. Victor Jin, CRB
\$479,000 2789 Frazier 3bd/1ba Open Sun, 1-4 San Leandro Border 510-868-1575 Prudential Berkeley Jake McTigue	\$549,000 4337 Tompkins Ave. 2BD/1.5BA Open 1-5 925-998-7610 David H. Malcolm, Inc. Colleen Brooks
\$479,000 3221 61 St Avenue 3BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Millsomont 510-486-1495 Coldwell Banker Laura Arechiga	\$549,000 7949 Greenly Drive 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4 510-899-8000 Alain Pinel Realtors Lydia Puller
\$485,000 6127 Outlook Avenue 2+BD/1BA Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495 Coldwell Banker Gaby Olander	\$555,000 2917 Coolidge Ave 4bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4 Fruitvale 510-472-7190 Prudential Grand Lake John Werthelmer

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\$559,000 3521 Pierson Street 2+BD/2BA Open Sun 1-4 925-683-3488 Prudential CA Realty Marty Baum	\$589,000 241 Capricorn Ave 3BD/3BA Open Sun 2-5 Montclair 510-668-7300 Prudential California Realty Adam Watts
\$559,000 440 38th Street #A 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Temescal 510-338-1385 Pacific Union Jeffrey Neldeman	\$589,000 2875 Glascock St #214 1+bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian
\$559,000 989 Franklin St. 608 2 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4885 Harbor Bay Realty Jeff Goodman	\$589,000 4089 Waterhouse Rd. 3bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Oakland Hills 510-339-8400 Montclair Better Homes Patricia Bennett
\$562,000 16 Rio Vista 2BD/1BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Avenue 510-338-1316 Pacific Union Residential Joan Dark	\$589,000 437 Rich Street 2bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Temescal 415-451-1460 Marchant Chapman Realty Jane Manning
\$575,000 201 Fourth St. Loft 508 2 BD/2 BA Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Jack London Sq. 510-522-4449 Prime Properties Realty Keiko McDonah	\$589,000 5816 Ayala 2+BD/2.5BA Open Sun 2-6 Condo 510-290-6559 Lawton Associates Jeff Rosenblom
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\$575,000 5930 Vallejo St 2+bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4 510-280-2105 Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian	\$599,000 3001 Wisconsin 3BD/1.25BA Open 2-4:30 Laurel 510-338-1317 Pacific Union Residential Kathy Flynn
\$580,000 3115 Texas St 3bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Laurel 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair Mary Dresser	\$599,000 3430 Jordan 2BD/1.5BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights 510-338-1378 Pacific Union Residential Jackie Care
\$585,000 5374 Manila Ave 2bd/1ba Open Sun, 2-4 Rockridge 510-849-9900 Maison Nouveau Scott Ward	\$599,000 4115 Maple 3BD/2BA Open Sun 2-5 Lincoln Heights 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Rachel Baier
\$589,950 3948 Fruitvale Ave. 2 BD/1 BA Sun 2-5 Diamond District 510-251-6000 Help-U-Sell East Bay Anthony Wright	\$599,000 5765 Balboa Drive 2BD/2BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker Bonnie Ross
\$595,000 4210 Market Street 3BD/1+BA Open Sat/Sun 1:30-5 N. Oakland 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker James Brown	\$599,000 5837 Scarborough Dr 3+bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-9290 Prudential Montclair Bill Boze
\$599,000 311 Oak St. 113 1 BD/2 BA Sun 2-4 510-814-4838 Harbor Bay Realty Karen Miller	\$599,000 5847 Nottingham 2bd/2ba Open Sun, 2-4:30 510-207-3288 Marvin Gardens www.kathieberg.com
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\$599,999 5449 El Camille Avenue 4BD/1+BA Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-531-7000 x228 Wells & Bennett Realtors Kate Phillips	\$715,000 1519 Allston Way 2BD/1BA Open 2-4 Village Assoc. 925-260-4787 Margot Kaufman
\$599,999 9200 Castlwood 3bd/1.5ba Sun, 2-4:30 Oak Knoll 510-636-0606 Re/Max Executive Wayne Wilkerson	\$719,000 452-456 Capital Street Duplex Open Sun 1-5 Haddon Hill 510-610-3601 Pacific Union Residential Jennie A. Flanigan
\$619,000 1 Lakeside Drive #212 2BD/2BA Open 2-4:30 510-338-1385 Pacific Union Residential Jeffrey Neldeman	\$719,000 6463 Melville Dr 4bd/2ba Open Sun, 1-5 Montclair 510-339-8301 Prudential Claremont Laurel Strand
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Cabinet keeps computer handy, out of sight

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Here's a great way to keep your computer protected and out of sight while adding office and study space to your home—all without major construction.

Perfect for a den, bedroom or even one end of the dining room, this computer secretary project allows do-it-yourselfers to use a small area for big jobs, then close everything up in an attractive cabinet.

Occupying just eight square feet, the project features dedicated space for a computer tower, monitor and printer and a big pull-down desktop for a keyboard and mouse.

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Made primarily from plywood (pine as pictured, but other wood will work), the secretary features all straight cuts and a full-size pattern for the angle on the legs, so there's no guesswork involved. To build, simply cut the pieces to size, sand and assemble using glue and nails.

The project may be finished to match any decor.

The computer secretary measures about 48 inches tall by 44 inches wide by 23 inches deep; the monitor bay is about 30 inches wide by 20 inches tall by 21 inches deep. The Computer Secretary plan, No. 939, is \$10.95 and includes detailed step-by-step instructions with photos, full-size traceable patterns, construction diagrams, plywood cutting layouts and a shopping list and cutting schedule.

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cost, may be the "elephant in the room," the report states, noting that Microsoft has a classified entry called Expo that "is gearing up they say to be a community application combining the best of Google and Craigslist."

Also, the report states that the on-line real estate products that are most likely to succeed are those "with significant levels of independence from core-product media interests, freed from cannibalization fears and infused with strong doses of creativity." The market has clearly moved to a free-listings model with paid advertising opportunities, "so charging for basic listings appears doomed."

Newspapers are wising up to online real estate advertising opportunities, the report notes, and "newspapers generated \$249 million from their online real estate applications last year, which boosted print real estate revenues." Newspapers' Web sites collected 14 percent of all online real estate ad spending last year, "the largest share of any group with the possible exception of Google," the report also states.

Realtor.com continues to dominate the list of most-visited real estate Web sites, and the report notes that several real estate brokerage companies' Web sites, including sites for RE/MAX, Coldwell Banker, Century 21, Weichert and ZipRealty, account for five of the top-20 most popular real estate sites, according to comScore Media Metrix.

"The significance of the Internet as a publishing platform for Realtors cannot be overstated," the Borell report states.

In a 2005 National Association of Realtors survey of home buyers and sellers, 84 percent of respondents said their real estate agent used the Internet to help sell their home — that compares to 53 percent in the 2002 survey. Meanwhile, 50 percent of respondents to the 2005 survey said their agent used a newspaper ad, down from 59 percent in the 2002 survey.

As the real estate market slows in many markets across the country, that could translate to fewer real estate sales and smaller ad budgets for agents, the report states. "In the past, the result of this tension is that Realtors continue to advertise, but do so more frugally."

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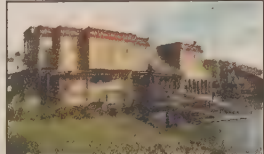
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Around the horn

Strong showing

■ The Bay Shore Athletic League sure made an impact in Saturday's Stanford Invitational Division IV boys race, which had 160 participants. St. Mary's Matt Duffy won the 3.1 mile race at Stanford with an impressive time of 15 minutes, 38 seconds. Albany's Kevin Shea finished in fifth place in 16:15, and St. Mary's Rob Riccardi was 11th (16:40). St. Mary's placed third as a team with a score of 132, and Albany was eighth in the 24-team field with a score of 236. Carmel won the team title with a score of 114.

— Phil Jensen

Coaches coaching coaches

■ Current St. Joseph Notre Dame boys basketball coach Don Lippi and former St. Joseph and Bishop O'Dowd coach Mike Phelps will lend their expertise in a coaching seminar at Encinal High School on Saturday, Oct. 7. The seminar, open to any grade school, high school or Amateur Athletic Union coach, will run from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., or until the last coach leaves. Lippi and Phelps plan a comprehensive package of topics, including team selection, team bonding, conditioning, community service and offseason preparations. The championship-winning coaches also will share their philosophies of on-court basics such as offense, defense and game adjustments. Cost is \$20. Call 814-7145 or e-mail dlippi@sjnd.org for details.

— Mike McGreehan

Black Queens in Bay Area

■ The San Francisco Nighthawks of the Women's Premier Soccer League and their coach, El Cerrito resident Robert Sackey, welcome the women's national team of Ghana to the Bay Area. The Ghana team, nicknamed "The Black Queens," was to have arrived in San Francisco on Wednesday to begin a three-week Bay Area stay. The team will have practices on both sides of the Bay. Details will be made available in the coming days. Sackey, a Ghana native, served as an advance scout for the Ghana men's national team at this year's World Cup. He served in the same capacity for The Black Queens at the 2003 Women's World Cup. Sackey is well known in soccer circles both in his native land and adopted East Bay. In addition to his duties with the Ghana teams and the Nighthawks, Sackey also serves as technical director for the Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League and coaches three of the league's Mavericks teams. In the past, he also coached at El Cerrito High School and Head-Royce School.

— Mike McGreehan

Still rolling

■ The Piedmont High School girls golf team moved to 7-0 in Bay Shore Athletic League play with a 236-212 win over Berkeley on Oct. 3 at Lake Chabot Golf Course. The Highlanders posted the five lowest scores, led by Lauren Glass, Sarah Wong and Molly McLetchie, who all shot a 10-over 46. Vivian Kwok and Kelsey Tom rounded out the scoring for Piedmont, each shooting a 49. Glass has either tied or earned medalist honors in six of the Highlanders' seven matches. The only golfer to post a better score this year against Glass and the Highlanders in BSAL play was St. Joseph Notre Dame's Kari Barnes. Barnes edged Glass by one stroke, shooting a 44 at Chuck Corica Golf Complex in Alameda on Sept. 15. Piedmont won that match 251-305. The Highlanders played St. Mary's on Thursday in a match that pretty much decided the league title. St. Mary's was 6-1 entering that match. Results were unavailable at press time.

— Robert Jordan

On deck

- **Albany Cougar Challenge at the Bladium, Alameda, girls volleyball, Oct. 7, 8 a.m.** — Host Albany, Berkeley and St. Mary's are among the local teams in this invitational.
- **Encinal at Berkeley, girls volleyball, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.** — These squads have dominated the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League recently as no other team has won the league title since 1999. Last year, both teams had 13-1 league records.
- **Berkeley at Alameda, girls tennis, Oct. 12, 3:30 p.m.** — This is a must-win match if the Hornets hope to keep their string of league titles alive. Berkeley enters with the upper hand in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League race, having already beaten the Hornets 4-3 when the teams previously met in Berkeley on Sept. 19.
- **Albany at Holy Names, girls volleyball, Oct. 12, 7 p.m.** — The Monarchs stood firmly in first place in the BSAL standings heading into play on Thursday, while the Cougars were hot on their heels in second place. The winner of this match will be in good position to try to fend off defending league champs St. Mary's down the stretch.
- **St. Joseph Notre Dame vs. Piedmont at Lake Chabot GC, girls golf, Oct. 10, 3 p.m.** — After going 7-0 in the first half of BSAL play, the Highlanders will try to continue that streak against the Pilots.
- **Albany at Piedmont, girls volleyball, Oct. 5:15 p.m.** — In their only regular-season meeting of the year, the Highlanders host the co-defending champion Cougars. Albany shared the BSAL crown with St. Mary's last season and, as of Oct. 4, entered the match at 3-1. The Highlanders were 2-2 in BSAL play as of Oct. 4.

Stars of the week

- **Don Miguel Tutass, El Cerrito football** — Tutass completed 11 of his 15 passes for 299 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions in the Gauchos' 38-35 win over Alameda.
- **Matt Duffy, St. Mary's boys cross country** — The junior won the Division IV race at the Stanford Invitational with a time of 15 minutes, 38 seconds for the 3.1 mile race. He led his team to a third-place finish.
- **Kevin Shea, Albany boys cross country** — The senior finished fifth in the Division IV race at the Stanford Invitational with a time of 16:15, leading his team to an eighth-place finish in the 24-team field.



EL CERRITO'S Michael Hicks leaves an official and several Alameda defenders in his wake on a long run during the first quarter.

DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

Hicks does it all for EC



EL CERRITO linebacker Chris Moncrease, right, stops Alameda's Dajon Green during the Gauchos' 38-35 ACCAL victory on Friday.

■ Senior catches five passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns, rushes five times for 96 yards in 38-35 victory over Alameda

By Ben Enos
STAFF WRITER

It was clear from the start of Friday night's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener between host El Cerrito and Alameda high schools that the defenses were not going to factor into the outcome.

The difference would come, it seemed, from a playmaker who was more than the opposition could handle.

Gauchos senior Michael Hicks was that playmaker. Hicks caught five passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed five times for 96 yards to lead the host Gauchos to a thrilling 38-35 victory.

Alameda (2-2, 0-1 ACCAL) entered the game looking to jumpstart an offense that scored a to-

FOOTBALL

tal of 35 points in its first three games. And by all means of measurement, the Hornets did. Jeff Murphy completed 19 of 33 passes for 325 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a 5-yard touchdown run in his attempt to match scores with the Gauchos.

By comparison, El Cerrito (3-1-1, 1-0) entered the contest having scored 143 points in its first three games. And it showed on the defenses were not going to factor into the outcome.

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CAROLINE LEON-WILLIAMS of Albany returns a shot during her 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) loss to Piedmont's Nina Ozier.

GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Pan gives Albany its only win vs. Piedmont

By Ben Enos
STAFF WRITER

After watching her teammates drop their first six Bay Shore Athletic League matches against Piedmont on Tuesday, Albany High School girls tennis player Elena Pan had seen enough.

Pan won a thrilling three-set No. 1 singles match that finished under the lights to give the visiting Cougars their only win of the day in a 6-1 loss. She defeated Piedmont's Olivia Stutz 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Albany (3-2 BSAL) was forced to travel to Piedmont (5-0) in two waves when some of the team had to stay late at school for a French test. That meant that since Pan was among those staying at school, Cougars No. 2 singles player

Caroline Leon-Williams moved to Court 1 to face Piedmont's Nina Ozier, with Ozier eventually winning 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

The early success for the Highlanders, who won the first six matches in straight sets, meant that both teams got to sit back and watch at least part of the No. 1 singles match.

Stutz won the first set 7-5, but some tough play by Pan gave the onlookers a feeling that she wasn't quite finished.

"I think I hit some really good shots," said Pan about the match. "I hit some good forehands and I played pretty consistently today."

In the second set, Pan used an early service break to take a 2-0 lead. Stutz would eventually regain that break

point advantage before Pan broke again to go up 4-3. The service breaks seemed to be a product of Pan's ability to return Stutz's first serve, something that ultimately gave the Cougars sophomore a huge advantage.

"Because it was flat, I was able to get it back over," Pan said.

By winning a coin toss, Pan got to select the format of the third set and she chose to start the set at three games apiece.

After each player held serve to make it 4-4, Pan used a winner up the line to go ahead 5-4. With the momentum squarely in her corner, Pan never lost another point, converting a break point to win the match.

RECRUITING

Berkeley's Guinn picks Cal

■ His parents also played for the Bears; Gross, Berkeley girls basketball star, selects Nevada

By Robert Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School senior Brian Guinn Jr. is keeping up the family tradition.

Following in the footsteps of his mom and dad, Guinn Jr. on Friday orally committed to Cal, where he will play baseball.

Guinn Jr. wasn't the only Berkeley athlete to commit to play at the next level. Jennifer Gross, a senior guard on the girls basketball team, gave an oral commitment last week to play for Nevada.

A shortstop, Guinn Jr. follows his dad, Brian, who played baseball and basketball for the Bears. His mother, Wendy, played tennis at Cal.

"It's unique. To have a second generation go where my parents went," Guinn Jr. said. "(My parents) pretty much know everybody up there (at Berkeley). And everyone knows me."

A two-time all-Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League first-team shortstop, Guinn Jr. hit .340 with two home runs, 16 RBI and stole 17 of 19 bases last season for the Yellow Jackets.

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THIS WEEKEND'S HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES

ACCAL

■ **El Cerrito (3-0-1, 1-0 ACCAL)** at **Hercules (1-2-1, 0-1)**, 7 p.m. tonight

Last week: El Cerrito beat Alameda 38-35; Hercules lost to Encinal 38-22

Notes: The Gauchos, who are averaging 45.2 points per game this season, tend to strike early. They have scored 128 of their 181 points in the first half this season. The Titans have averaged 32 points a game in their last three games, but have allowed 35 points a game in the same span.

■ **Berkeley (1-3, 1-0 ACCAL)** at **Pinole Valley (4-0, 1-0)**, p.m. tonight

Last week: Berkeley beat Richmond

28-0, Pinole Valley beat De Anza 42-35

Notes: The Yellow Jackets allowed just 21 yards of total offense in their win over Richmond. Spartans' RB De-ontae Purvis rushed for 123 yards and three touchdowns and caught one pass for 50 yards and a touchdown in the win over De Anza.

Nonleague

■ **Albany (1-3) at Oakland (0-3-1)**, 7 p.m. tonight

Last week: Albany lost to The King's Academy-Sunnyvale 49-21, Oakland lost to Piedmont 42-0

Notes: Ari Colby will start at quarterback for the Cougars, said coach Scott Shevelson on Wednesday. Al-

bany has scored an average of 23.5 points per game this season, but they have allowed an average of 33.2 points per game. The Wildcats gained only 36 yards against Piedmont, including just 1 yard passing.

■ **Wilson Prep-Oakland (2-2) at St. Mary's (2-2)**, 1:30 p.m., Saturday

Last week: Wilson Prep lost to North Monterey County 19-12, St. Mary's beat Berean Christian 21-0

Notes: Golden Eagles RB DeAndre West endured a tough day against North Monterey County, rushing for just 18 yards in the loss. Panthers WR/CB Lanny Kelly caught a 37-yard touchdown pass and returned an interception 60 yards in the Panthers win over Berean Christian.

EAST BAY PREP FOOTBALL SUPER POLL

Rank	School	Record
1.	De La Salle	4-0
T2.	Foothill	4-0
T2.	Pittsburg	3-1
4.	Monte Vista	3-1
5.	Amador Valley	4-0
6.	San Ramon Valley	4-0
7.	Hayward	3-1
8.	San Leandro	3-1
9.	McClymonds	1-1-1
10.	Pinole Valley	4-0

11. Deer Valley (4-0), 12. California (3-1), 13. Alhambra (4-0), 14. Freedom (3-1), 15. Irvington (3-1), 16. Ygnacio Valley (3-1), 17. Miramonte (3-1), 18. Clayton Valley (3-1), 19. Las Lomas (2-2), 20. Salesian (3-1).

Others receiving votes: El Cerrito (3-0-1), James Logan (3-1), Benicia (4-0), Liberty (0-3-1). The East Bay Super Poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staffs of Costa Costa Newspapers and the Alameda Newspaper Group. Records are through Saturday.

Football

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The problem for the Hornets then became the fact that their defense had to deal with a Gauchos offense that has shown it can score almost at will.

"The first thing that comes to mind is several big-play callbacks with penalties," Alameda coach George Calandri said. "Does that mean they don't score more? No, but it means we control the ball more."

After Murphy's 10-yard touchdown pass to Wes Moyer late in the third quarter, the Gauchos responded with a 48-yard touchdown pass from Tutass to Chris Moncrease and a 3-yard touchdown run by Tutass to begin the fourth quarter.

The Hornets trimmed the margin to three points on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Murphy to Niko Aumua with 2:13 remaining. The rally ended on the ensuing onside kick when Jonathan Glass-Johnson fell on the ball to give the Gauchos possession.

El Cerrito's win reverses a recent run of Alameda dominance over the Gauchos. The Hornets entered Friday night's game having won the previous four meetings with El Cerrito, dating back to 2001.

St. Mary's 21, Berean Christian 0: A stalwart defense and three big plays were the difference as the host Panthers shut out the Eagles Saturday afternoon.

Berean Christian (2-2) was able to move the ball, but the Panthers' defense rose to the occasion when they needed it.

St. Mary's (2-2) struck first midway through the opening period when sophomore quarterback Matt Lombardi (4-of-11, 91 yards, two touchdowns) found tight end Justin Shields all alone behind the defense for a 44-yard touchdown.

With 1:09 remaining in the first quarter, cornerback Lanny Kelly tipped a pass to himself from Eagles quarterback Sam James at the Panthers' 40 and ran 60 yards for St. Mary's second score.

Despite yielding 255 yards — 98 to Eagles running back Mitch

Lee — and 13 first downs, the Panthers' defense bent but never broke, keeping the Eagles outside of the red zone. Tailback Ian Kelly (13 rushes, 90 yards) led a balanced Panthers running attack.

On the final play of the third period, Lombardi threw a 37-yard pass to Kelly for a touchdown as time expired in the period, completing the scoring. The Panthers' defense shut down the Eagles the rest of the way.

"We emphasized defense this week," said St. Mary's coach Bert Bertero. "After last week's loss (to Salesian) we took some pride today in how we played. And Lanny makes a difference."

— Pete Elman, correspondent
Berkeley 28, Richmond 0: The Yellow Jackets finally broke into the win column, trouncing visiting Richmond on Friday's ACCAL opener for both teams.

The Yellow Jackets' defense smothered the Oilers (1-2, 0-1 ACCAL), holding them to 21 yards total offense while allowing only two first downs.

Tailback Jamar Smith and quarterback Kenneth Adams led the attack for Berkeley (1-3, 1-0).

The Yellow Jackets' special teams were especially effective, giving the offense terrific field position throughout the contest.

Berkeley got on the board in the first period on a 12-yard run by Smith, with the score set up by a 56-yard pass from Adams to Anastacio Zamba.

A 32-yard punt return by Smith gave the Jackets excellent field position at the Oilers 20. Four plays later, Adams ran the ball in from the 3 to increase the lead to 14-0 with 7:40 to go in the

second quarter.

With 1:52 left in the first half, Smith completed a 38-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make the score 21-0 at the half.

Berkeley took advantage of a third-quarter turnover when Bradley Hairston recovered a fumble at the Richmond 31. Four plays later, Adams scored his second touchdown on a 1-yard quarterback sneak for the final touchdown of the game.

— Pete Elman, correspondent
The King's Academy-Sunnyvale 49, Albany 21: The stage was set for a high-scoring affair Saturday. The Cougars and Knights were coming off wins last week in which they combined for 110 points. This game did not disappoint.

The Vikings (4-0) scored four touchdowns early, but the Cougars (1-3) fought back, getting in the game behind Eric Roberson's 192-yard rushing effort.

The Cougars had a hard time stopping the run, but they did hold the Knights to 1 yard passing.

Roberson sparked all three scoring drives. And he was versatile, starting out in the backfield, lining up as a receiver and completing a 31-yard halfback pass.

With Sam Sussman struggling at quarterback, the Knights had no choice but to keep the ball on the ground, rushing for 486 yards on 33 carries.

The Knights' defense came up with game-changing turnovers. A fumble and four interceptions, with one interception being returned for 73 yards for the score, kept the pressure on Albany.

— Nate Green, correspondent

Recruiting

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"The decision was left to me," said Guinn Jr., who picked Cal over UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara and UCLA. "The fact that (my parents) went to Cal wasn't an issue. They wanted me to go where I felt comfortable."

Guinn Jr. and Gross can't officially sign with the Bears and Wolf Pack, respectively, until Nov. 8, the start of the NCAA's early signing period.

Gross, a third-team all-times selection, averaged 12.9 points per game in 14 ACCAL games last season.

"I felt comfortable with the coach (Kim Gervasoni)," said Gross, who picked the Wolf Pack over Cal Northridge and Utah State. "And the (basketball) program is good."

Playing out of position at point guard, Gross helped Berkeley rebound from a 4-6 start and reach the California Interscholastic Federation Division I state title game in March. The Yellow Jackets lost that game 54-

34 to Long Beach Poly.

Gross said Nevada recruited her to play at the shooting guard spot.

Albany: Albany senior Zachary Babitt freely admits that he upgraded his hitting coach.

But that isn't a knock on his dad, former Oakland A's second baseman Shooty Babitt.

Zachary Babitt orally committed on Sept. 23 to play baseball for San Diego State coach and former San Diego Padres right fielder Tony Gwynn.

"All my life, I thought I had the best hitting coach in my dad," Babitt said. "But now I get to play for Tony Gwynn, who is considered one of the best left-hand hitters of all time."

Gwynn finished his 20-year career with the Padres with 3,141 hits and a batting average of .338.

"It played a large role because he is sort of like an idol," said Babitt about playing for Gwynn. "I want to be his protégé. I would like to be in a position that he was in his career."

A left-hander himself, Babitt hit .410 with 24 runs scored, 20 RBI and 18 stolen bases last sea-

son to help Albany reach the semifinals of the North Coast Section 2A East Bay playoffs.

Babitt picked the Aztecs over the University of San Diego and UNLV.

"When (the SDSU coaches) sat down in the meeting, they said it wasn't my ability that attracted them to me," Babitt said. "I wasn't the fastest runner, the strongest or the best hitter. It was my make-up. The way I play the game is what caught their eye the most."

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"ACCEPTED": If you're into snap judgments, you can write off "Accepted" as just another dolittle, college comedy. But there's a quality to the film, a snap to the one-liners, a zip to the directing and editing and a star turn by Justin Long. And that makes it, well, not terrible. The clue to why this might be in the credits: director Steve Pink's screenwriting credits include "High Fidelity" and "Grosse Pointe Blank." — R. Moore. (PG-13: language, sexual material and drug content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C+

"ALL THE KING'S MEN": Director Steve Zaillian tries to do too much in too little time in this new adaptation of Robert Penn Warren's weighty novel about political and personal corruption; it ends up being a digest of the book's high and low moments. But there is still much to recommend here, from Sean Penn's goose bump-inducing portrayal of upstart politician Willie Stark to Jude Law's Jack Burden, a journalist whose idealism is at daily war with his cynicism. — M. Pols. (PG-13: an intense sequence of violence, sexual content and partial nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. B

"ANT BULLY": Despite star wattage (Lia Roberts, Meryl Streep), "Ant Bully" sheds no new light. It calls to mind other animated films ("Over the Hedge," "Monster House"). But the movie means well, and has a worthwhile message about teamwork. — C. Lemire. (PG: mild rude humor, action.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

"AURORA BOREALIS": The generational glue that binds families and the choices one makes as an adult are at issue in "Aurora Borealis," a bitter-sweet drama starring Joshua Jackson and Donald Sutherland. Most successful in capturing the story's emotional elements, the film relies on the excellent cast to balance out sketchily drawn characters and the plot's unfortunate obviousness. Jackson stars as a former hockey player who squandered his talents after his father's premature death. Ten years later, he's a slacker that moves from one dead-end job to another. — K. Crust. (R: language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B

"BARNYARD": Farm animals come to life (i.e. change the barn into a cabaret and sing and dance the night away) when humans aren't around. Adults are likely to have issues with this film. For example, writer/director Steve Oedekerk apparently thinks cows come in both genders. But "Barnyard" is focused on milking laughs from the pee-wee set. — J. Strickler. (PG: mild peril and rude humor.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. C

"BEERFEST": The members of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe deliver this raunchy farce. The basic premise is a spoof of "Fight Club" that replaces boxing competitions with beer-drinking contests. Most of the jokes are straight out of the gutter, but the setups are often quite smart. — J. Strickler. (R: crude humor, sexual content, profanity, nudity and alcohol abuse.) C+

"THE BLACK DAHLIA": Between director Brian De Palma's sense of style and tension and crime writer James Ellroy's rat-a-tat words, this 1940s murder mystery should be a contemporary film noir. But it's far too contrived, a harking back to the past that feels stagey and contrived. Josh Hartnett is the good but boring cop, Aaron Eckhart is his more sullen partner, who storms about like an angry teen. Scarlett Johansson and Hilary Swank are the love interests. Only Mia Kishner, playing the dead character in flashbacks, seems to have the mood right. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, some grisly images, sexual content and language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. C+

"BOYNTON BEACH CLUB": Frisky acting smother residents of a Florida "active adult" community are determined to find love. Sally Kellerman, lean, blond, flashing her crocodile grin; and Dylan Cannon, manically perky and jiggling her curves, are definitely not the Golden Girls. "Boynton Beach" is a rose-colored fantasy aging. You can relax and enjoy the oft-overused comic performances by an ensemble that includes Joseph Bologna, Michael Nouri and Renee Taylor. — S. Holden. (NR: sexual situations, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C+

"CONFETTI": Anyone who has cringed while watching the home movies of newlyweds bumbling through their own ceremony, personalized captions will appreciate the comic potential of this British mock documentary. The title is the name of the movie's fictional bridal magazine, whose editors dream up a contest in which three exhibitionist couples compete to win an award for most original wedding concept. "Confetti" is obviously inspired by Christopher Guest's "Best in Show," but this is a valid imitation. — S. Holden. (R: nudity.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. C

"COVENANT": The film follows the hampered descendants of four families that have had extraordinary powers since they arrived in Massachusetts in the late 1600s, but it turns out there was a fifth family cut from the covenant for being too power hungry. The film feels more like the pilot for a week-friendly prime-time drama on old WB, but it's not nearly as cool. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." — C. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. D

"CRANK": There's no heart and no redemption in this nervous wreck of a thriller about a man who's given a drug that will kill him if he stops moving. Starring Jason Statham, Amy Poehler, and Dwight Yoakam. — R.

Moore. (R: strong violence, pervasive language, sexuality, nudity and drug use.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. C

"CROSSOVER": Despite a brilliant casting move — Wayne Brady as villain — this story about the world of underground basketball competition is heavy on ghetto clichés and light on plot points. Basketball, women in tight clothes, some trash talk, some more basketball, you get the idea. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: sexual content and some language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. D

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA": A plucky new assistant (Anne Hathaway) with unfortunate fashion sense gets dressed down royally by her wicked new boss (Meryl Streep). This charming bit of froth works primarily because of Streep. There's not a seam showing in her flawless performance. — R. Myers. (PG: some sensuality.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"EDMOND": This movie is taken from a David Mamet play from the early '80s and requires William H. Macy, as the increasingly appalled title character, to say some unprintable things about women and blacks, to bemoan the state of the world, and to commit a grisly murder or two. "Edmond" is a work of outrage that's not outrageous. Its racism and misogyny seem square and almost quaint. — W. Morris. (R: violence, strong language, and sexual content including nudity and dialogue.) 1 hour, 15 minutes. B-

"EVERYONE'S HERO": A scrawny, insecure boy, growing up in the shadow of Yankee Stadium during the Depression worshipping Babe Ruth, learns self-esteem when he goes on an adventure with a talking baseball and the Bambino's beloved bat. The film is exceedingly earnest with a simple, feel-good message of perseverance, but it's probably suited for the littles kids only. — C. Lemire. (G) 1 hour, 25 minutes. C

"FACTOTUM": Matt Dillon plays Charles Bukowski after old Hank Chinaski, an unpublished writer who spends his days drifting from one blue-collar job to another, and most of his nights in a drunken, smoky haze. His female companions include Marisa Tomei as a complete lush and Lili Taylor as Jan, who truly cares about Hank, almost as much as she does about her next bottle of whiskey. If the plot is slight, Dillon's marvelous, subtle performance is anything but, and reason enough to see director Bent Hamer's film. — M. Pols. (R: language, nudity and sexual content.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B+

"FLYBOYS": A bunch of sweet Americans volunteer early on in World War I and end up as part of the Lafayette Escadrille, an elite French flying force. James Franco is a cowboy turned aviator, and he has some nice scenes, mostly involving a blossoming romance with a French girl. This is all based on truth, and it's good material for a movie (others have been made) but "Flyboys" is schlock, a predictable blend of comedy and action that makes war seem like the kind of place you go to become a man and even have some fun. — M. Pols. (PG-13: war action violence and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. C

"THE GUARDIAN": Eager recruits vie to join the elite Coast Guard Rescue Swimmers. If you're looking for something new in a story about swimming, don't hold your breath. Ashton Kutcher is Jake Fischer, the immature kid with potential and something to prove. Kevin Costner portrays Ben Randall, his no-nonsense instructor. Despite the predictability, the picture differs from its predecessors by sustaining its intensity and bookending its clichés with exciting action sequences that justify the harsh training. — B. Caine. (PG-13: intense sequences of action/peril, brief strong language and some sensuality.) 2 hours, 19 minutes. B

"GRIDIRON GANG": Phil Joanou's film is one of those based-on-a-true-story movies that seems to demand reverence. But whatever points "Gridiron Gang" earns for dedication, it loses in execution. Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as Sean Porter, the counselor at a tough teen detention center, who decides to organize a football team to teach the kids skills as well as teamwork, camaraderie and confidence. It's clear that Joanou and Johnson would like their film to influence and inspire a generation of lost youth; it's too bad they weren't clever enough to combine the reality and the fantasy to achieve something startling and stimulating. — J. Anderson. (PG-13: startling scenes of violence, mature thematic material and language.) 2 hours. B-

"THE GROUND TRUTH": Directed by Patricia Foulkrod but really written by the men and women whose tours of duty it describes, this short, sharp documentary is not about George Bush or left/right politics or Sept. 11. It's not even about Iraq. It's about the U.S. soldiers who are fighting that war: why they went, what they saw, how they feel when they come back. "The Ground Truth" is the documentary any American with an opinion on our involvement in Iraq owes it to his or her conscience to see. — T. Burr. (R: disturbing violent content, language.) A-

"HALF NELSON": Ryan Gosling is a teacher in a run down Brooklyn middle school. He knows how to inspire his students, but his own life is a disaster; he sneaks into a school bathroom to smoke crack. When one of his students (Shareeka Epps, watchful, wary and very good) catches him, a strange but real friendship springs up between them. In the end, we're

OPENING TODAY

The following are movies opening this week in the Bay Area.

"AL FRANKEN: GOD SPOKE" (NR): Filmmakers Chris Hegedus ("The War Room") and Nick Doob followed political satirist Al Franken for two years, during which he feuds with Bill O'Reilly, entertains the troops in Iraq, publishes a best seller and starts a new radio station geared toward liberals.

"THE DEPARTED" (R): Martin Scorsese directs Matt Damon, Leonardo Di Caprio and Jack Nicholson in this remake of the Hong Kong thriller "Infernal Affairs," a tale of intertwined cops and gangsters, most of them undercover in some fashion or other.

"EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH" (PG-13): At a warehouse superstore, a date with the hottest girl on staff (Jessica Simpson) is offered up as a bribe to induce the two biggest slackers (Dane Cook, Dax Shepard) to vie for the title of employee of the month.

not sure who is nurturing whom. Gosling gives such a naturalistic performance you find yourself still worrying about his character after the movie ends. — M. Pols. (R: drug content throughout, language and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"HAVEN": A movie with such a bungled narrative thread you assume the projectionist switched reels. Set in the Cayman Islands, Frank E. Flowers' film attempts to interweave multiple narrative threads involving a corrupt American businessman (Bill Paxton), his sulky daughter (Agnes Bruckner) and the doings of various Cayman natives, including a fisherman (Orlando Bloom) and his Romeo and Juliet-style romance with a high school student (Zoe Saldana). There are plenty of interesting possibilities there, and some intriguing performances, but as a whole, this never jells. — M. Pols. (R: language, drug use, sexual content and some violence.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C-

"HEADING SOUTH": In French filmmaker Laurent Cantet's riveting new film about politics, both sexual and economic, single middle-aged women head to Haiti to find the young male companionship that's scarce at home. Prostitution yes, but Cantet persuades us that there is something in it for the men as well; selling themselves is the closest they'll come to having any power in their country, a place that disregards them completely. Charlotte Rampling and Karen Young shine as women grappling with their emotional and physical needs and Menotti Cesar is marvelous as the object of both their desires. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A

"HOLLYWOODLAND": A fictionalized recounting of the death of TV's first Superman, George Reeves (Ben Affleck), said to be a suicide, but rich with the tantalizing loose ends conspiracy theories are woven from. Was it failure that felled him, or the older woman he'd killed (Diane Lane)? When the focus is on Affleck's poignant portrayal of Reeves, all is well, but when we veer over to the Hollywood fiction, a parallel story of the detective (Adrien Brody) investigating his death, the movie feels contrived. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and sexual content.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B-

"HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS":

"49 UP" (NR): In this latest installment of Michael Apted's ongoing documentary series, his group of English "subjects," first introduced at age 7 and interviewed every seven years since, are now 49.

"THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND" (R): In this blend of fiction and fact, a brash young Scotsman travels to Uganda in the 1970s, becomes dictator Idi Amin's personal doctor and discovers that he is in way over his head. With Forest Whitaker as Amin.

"SHORTBUS" (NR): Writer/director John Cameron Mitchell has made an experimental film about a weekly salon where New Yorkers of all sexual orientations share art, music, politics and one another.

"TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING" (R): On one last road trip before they head off to Vietnam, two young guys and their girlfriends encounter a young would-be-killer in training.

This could be the ultimate 11-year-old boy's movie, a little cruel, a little gross and a lot funny. The film is based on Thomas Rockwell's book about a boy who is dared to eat worms — and does. — R. Moore. (PG: mild bullying and some crude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B-

"IDLEWILD": From the superstars behind the hip-hop group OutKast, a musical set in the 1930s in a Georgian speakeasy. Like "Moulin Rouge," it doesn't bother to stick to the music of the story's time frame, so we get rap and crooning mixed in together. That makes for a playful and vibrant film, and even when "Idlewild" stumbles, as it does fairly frequently, this is still an enjoyable spectacle. Andre Benjamin shines as a shy piano player, and the supporting cast includes such notable performers as Ben Vereen, Cicely Tyson, Macy Gray and Terrence Howard. — M. Pols. (R: violence, sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH": Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"INVINCIBLE": This feel-good film recounts the saga of Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg), a laid-off teacher who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles and ends up making the team. Football junkies looking for a lot of game action won't find it here. The film is more interested in exploring the emotional issues of the players. The movie ultimately fulfills its mission: to fire up viewers with its can-do attitude. — J. Strickler. (PG: football-related action and a sprinkling of profanity.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B

"THE ILLUSIONIST": Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the noblewoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his arch nemesis, and Paul Giamatti is a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magificent. Together, they elevate the

FRIDAY MOVIE GUIDE

Titles and showtimes subject to change

Wheelchair Accessible

Showtimes for Friday October 6

Alameda County

Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980
•The Science of Sleep (R) 2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•The Black Dahlia (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 11
•The Departed (R) 11:55, 1, 2:20, 3:25, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:15, 10:30
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 11:45, 12:40, 2:10, 3:15, 4:40, 5:40, 7:15, 8:20, 9:50, 10:50
•Everyone's Hero (G) 12:15, 2:30
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
•The Guardian (PG-13) 11:50, 12:50, 2:50, 3:55, 6:10, 7:25, 9:30, 10:40
•Hollywoodland (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
•The Last Kiss (R) 11:35, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:05
•Open Season (PG) 11:40, 12:30, 1:50, 3, 4:10, 5:20, 6:30, 7:35, 8:45, 9:45
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:20, 5:35, 7:10, 8:10, 10, 10:45

California Theatre
2113 Kildredge St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 1:15, 2, 3:30, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8, 9:20
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:40

Chabot Cinema
2855 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-822-2555
•Open Season (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 8:55

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 6:45, 8:30

Elmwood 3
2956 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-6530
•The Black Dahlia (R) 4:25, 6:55
•The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13) 6:50
•Facelium (R) 5, 9:10
•Flyboys (PG-13) 4:30
•Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13) 7:10
•This Film Is Not Yet Rated (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3020 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•The Departed (R) 12:20, 3:30, 7, 10
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 6:45, 9:40
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45
•Open Season (PG) 12:10, 2, 4, 6, 7:45, 9:30

Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
•Keeping Mum (R) 2:20

Parkway Speakeasy Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 6:15
•Halt Nelson (R) 7
•Hollywoodland (R) 9:15
•Quinceanera (R) 9:45

Piedmont Theatre
4188 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15
•The Science of Sleep (R) 11:45, 1:30, 2, 4, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:30, 9:30

Regal Jack London
100 Washington Oakland 510-433-1320
•The Departed (R) 12, 3:30, 7, 10:20
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:15, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7, 9:50
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:10, 3:40, 7:10, 10:10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:40, 10
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
•Open Season (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:40
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:30, 12:30
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 11:45, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10

Shattuck Cinemas
2244 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•49 Up (Not Rated) 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
•Al Franken: God Spoke (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 4:25
•The Departed (R) 1:45, 4:50, 3:45, 8, 7, 10
•The Goonies (PG) 12
•Halt Nelson (R) 7:25, 9:55
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 1:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 2:25, 4:40, 7:20, 9:35
•The Last Kiss (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7, 9:30
•Quinceanera (R) 2:20, 6:50, 9:05
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-1852
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 1:15, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12:50, 4, 7, 10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:40, 1:10, 3, 3:30, 5:15, 5:45, 7:30, 8:50, 10:10
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
•Open Season (PG) 1, 3:10, 5:30, 7:45, 10, 7:20, 9:45
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 9:45

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
•Idlewild (R) 12:50, 3:45, 7:20, 10:05
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 11:40, 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10
•Invincible (PG) 11:50, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:10
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8, 9:45, 10:30
•Jet Li's Fearless (PG-13) 12:10, 1:15, 2:40, 4, 5:10, 7, 7:45, 9:40, 10:25
•The Science of Sleep (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 11:45, 12:30, 2, 3, 4:15, 5:15, 7:50, 9:30, 10:15

Central Contra Costa

CineArts at Pleasant Hill
2314 Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 925-687-1100
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 2:15, 4:35, 7
•Keeping Mum (R) 12:15, 2:35, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
•The Last Kiss (R) 11:30, 9:25
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
•The Science of Sleep (R) 11:20, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
•The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13) 11:40, 2, 4:20, 7:25, 9:45

Contra Costa Stadium Cinemas
565 Center Avenue, Martinez 925-229-9980
•The Departed (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:50
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:40

•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12:30, 2:35, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
•Jackass: Number Two (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
•Little Miss Sunshine (R) 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15
•Open Season (PG) 12:40, 2:45, 5, 7:05, 9
•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:55, 3, 5:10, 7:30, 9:35

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•The Departed (R) 12:30, 4, 7:30
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 3:45, 7, 9:40
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St., Moraga 925-688-3411
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West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•The Departed (R) 11:35, 12:30, 1:35, 2:55, 4, 5, 6:15, 7:15, 8:25, 9:35, 10:25
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 11:20, 12:35, 1:50, 3:05, 4:20, 5:30, 6:50, 8, 9:20, 10:30
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 12:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
•The Guardian (PG-13) 12, 1:30, 3:05, 4:30, 6, 7:25, 9, 10:10
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 12:45, 7:30, 10:05
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•School for Scoundrels (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:15
•Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning (R) 11:20, 12:30, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 4:55, 6, 7, 8:10, 9:05, 10:20

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•The Departed (R) 11:30, 12:20, 3:15, 4, 6:45, 7:30, 10:15, 11
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 11:15, 12, 2, 2:50, 5, 5:45, 7:35, 8:20, 10:10, 10:50
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Kabuki Cinema
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•The Black Dahlia (R) 11, 1:50, 7:15, 9:45
•The Departed (R) 11:45, 3:15, 6:45, 10
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 11:15, 1:55, 4:45, 7:10, 9:34
•Flyboys (PG-13) 4:25
•The Guardian (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:05, 10:05
•The Return of the Living Dead (R) 7:30
•Sid and Nancy (R) 9:45
•They Live (R) 12

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Phantom of the Paradise (PG) 12
•Red Doors (R) 2:30, 4:35, 7, 9:10

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Jesus Camp (PG-13) 12:20, 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45
•The Science of Sleep (R) 12, 1, 2:30, 5, 6, 7:30, 10
•Shortbus (Not Rated) 12:10, 1:10, 2:40, 3:30, 4:20, 5:10, 7, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:10

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•49 Up (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:35
•Al Franken: God Spoke (Not Rated) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45
•Sherrybaby (Not Rated) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•An Inconvenient Truth (PG) 4:15, 9:25
•La Moustache (Not Rated) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:40
•Queens (R) 1:30, 4, 6:45, 9:15
•Quinceanera (R) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
•Renaissance (R) 1, 4:45, 7

Red Vic Movie House
1277 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3094
•Mutual Appreciation (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:30

Roxie Film Center
3117 16th St., San Francisco 415-863-1067
•Calvino (Not Rated) 7, 9
•loudQUETUD: A Film About Pizies (Not Rated) 6:15, 8, 9:40

AMC Loews Metreon 15
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
•All the King's Men (PG-13) 2:25, 8:30
•The Black Dahlia (R) 8:25, 11:30
•The Covenant (PG-13) 11:55, 5:40, 11:45
•Employee of the Month (PG-13) 10:35, 11:25, 1:15, 2:10, 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:45, 10:45
•Evil Aliens (Not Rated) 12
•Flyboys (PG-13) 10:45, 1:50, 4:55
•Gridiron Gang (PG-13) 11:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
•The Illusionist (PG-13) 10:50, 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
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material, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

"JACKASS NUMBER TWO": The fellows (Johnny Knoxville, Steve-O, etc.) from "Jackass" are back with another freak show/proteological exam and would-be snuff film, designed to bring out the inner Stooze in all of us. It's all about bad taste and shocks and the extremes people will go to become famous. The film is grosser, more dangerous, more bloody and even less concerned with the things that make a "movie" than the original. — R. Moore. (R: extremely crude and dangerous stunts throughout, sexual content, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"JET LI'S FEARLESS": Jet Li plays Huo Yuanji, the most famous fighter in China in the early 1900s and a rallying point for a country floundering under foreign domination. Director Ronny Yu shapes the saga into a mythic coming-of-age tale wrapped in the trappings of an action movie. Although this story's theme of an arrogant fighter transformed by tragedy has driven pictures since the silents, Li's impassioned performance makes it captivating and poignant. — B. Caine. (PG-13: violence and martial arts action throughout.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B+**

"JESUS CAMP": Liberals (or folks who believe in the separation of church and state) will find this film alarming. Members of the religious right may find themselves saying "Amen!" "Jesus Camp" follows three Missouri youths to a Christian camp in North Dakota that serves as ROTC training for God's army. Employing a cinema verite style, the filmmakers do a remarkable job of presenting this polarizing matter without editorializing. — R. Butler. (PG-13: some discussions of mature subject matter.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"KEEPING MUM": This dark British comedy exudes the comfy familiarity of a vintage episode of "Alfred Hitchcock Presents." Maggie Smith, her tongue digging a hole in her cheek, is Grace Hawkins, a seemingly angelic old lady who materializes almost Mary Poppins-like in the English village of Little Wallop. No sooner has she begun working as a housekeeper for the local vicar (the Rowan Atkinson) troubled family than she sets about solving their problems in her own special way. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations and some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"LA MOUSTACHE": Middle-aged Marc has sported a mustache his entire adult life. Feeling mischievous, he shaves it off. He can't wait to show his wife, Agnes, who said earlier that she wouldn't know Marc without his facial hair. It turns out, Agnes doesn't even notice that Marc shaved. Is she messing with his mind? The movie's central mystery becomes increasingly ambiguous, but this much director Emmanuel Carrere makes clear — a husband and wife, no matter how much they love each other, are individuals, inhabiting separate bodies, separate worlds. — G. Whipp. (NR: sexual situations, language.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **B**

"THE LAST KISS": Zach Braff is Michael, almost 30 and torn between a comely college student (Rachel Bilson), his drippy longtime girlfriend Jacinda Barrett — who is carrying his child — and his most cherished love of all, himself. We're encouraged to root just as hard for infidelity as for forgiveness, and the rapid switching of gears doesn't feel genuine or earned but rather motivated by who looks cutest at that moment. A remake of the Italian hit "L'Ultimo Bacio," a meaner and far more honest film. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE": An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **A-**

"MATERIAL GIRLS": Martha Coolidge's film is a superficial 'tween comedy that mocks celebrities such as the Olsen twins while simultaneously pushing stars Hilary and Haylie Duff as their replacements. The Duff sisters play wealthy, spoiled siblings who have to clear the family

name when their father's cosmetics company falls under a cloud of suspicion. Coolidge made a better movie on similar subject matter with her 1983 film "Valley Girl." — E. Weitzman. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. **D**

"MONSTER HOUSE": This animated feature — about a dilapidated neighborhood house that supposedly eats people — manages the right balance of kiddie, sophomoric and grown-up humor. Voiced by Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense moments, mild sexual references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B**

"MUTUAL APPRECIATION": The wonderful independent film "Mutual Appreciation" looks like something that just came out of a time capsule, but there's nothing dusty about it. The film was written and directed by Andrew Bujalski, who plays one of the film's leads, Lawrence. Lawrence is in love with his girlfriend Ellie, but once into the relationship, she is uneasy. Maybe it's Lawrence or maybe it's Alex, the rock-musician best friend of Lawrence. "Mutual Appreciation" is what might be called character-driven, because not much happens. Mostly, it's about young people trying to figure out where they fit into the world. — M. Dargis. (NR) (1 hour, 50 minutes). **A-**

"OPEN SEASON": Funny characters voiced by funny actors do the silliest things in this table-turning farce from the director of "The Lion King." "Open Season" is a riotously rude romp through that elemental animal dilemma — how to survive hunting season. This very basic animal concern meets up with the old "fish out of water" formula. Boog, a coddled grizzly (Martin Lawrence), and his deer friend Elliot (Ashton Kutcher) have no wilderness skills but must rally the animal kingdom for the coming war with hunters. — R. Moore. (PG: some rude humor, mild action and brief language.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. **B+**

"PAPER DOLLS": Tomer Heymann's highly-affecting documentary looks at the lives of drag queens who come to a suburb of Tel Aviv from the Philippines and work, mostly as caregivers to the elderly. After their weekend shifts end, they change into their costumes and head a drag show, where they perform as the Paper Dolls. The discrepancy between the men's self-image and their neighbor's failure to see them as more than freaks is the soul of the film. — W. Morris. (NR: In Hebrew, English and Tagalog, with

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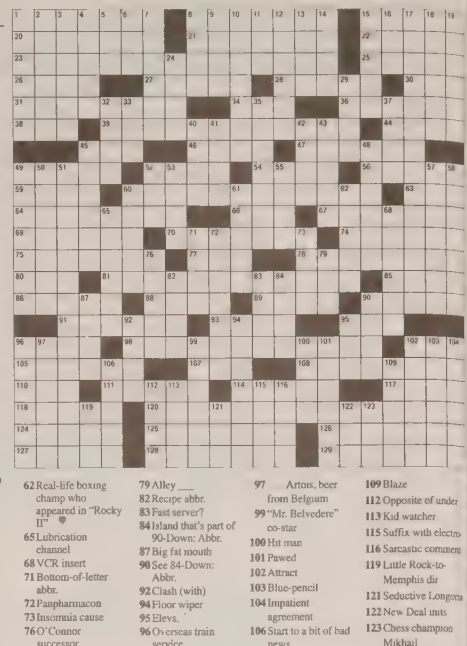
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subtitles.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B+**

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST": Dazzling digital effects upstage nearly everyone except the wonderful Johnny Depp in this too-long yet irresistible sequel. The tangled plot cranks out a few clever surprises and leaves us with an "Empire Strikes Back" cliffhanger of an ending. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **B**

"THE PROTECTOR": Tony Jaa plays a Thai martial arts fighter who trains elephants for the king, in keeping with an ancient tradition. When they are inexplicably stolen (for some perversion of power or, perhaps, cuisine) he must travel to Australia and fight many, many foes to find them. To ask for a plot in a martial arts movie is

like suggesting porn might benefit from a little more pillow talk; by doing so, you unveil yourself as someone who just doesn't get it. Nonetheless, how about a little plot, along with less frantic editing and a decent cinematographer? Then the movie might have some hope of matching Jaa's grace. — M. Pols. (R: pervasive strong violence throughout and some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **D**

"QUINCEANERA": This portrait of a Mexican-American family in Los Angeles is as smart and warm-hearted an exploration of upwardly mobile immigrant culture as American independent cinema has produced. A family is rocked when 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), who dreams of an extravagant quinceanera, gets pregnant and her father throws her out of the house. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **B+**

"RED DOORS": The oceanic divide between generations in a Chinese-American family is epitomized in the relationships of it glums paterfamilias Ed Wong — who has plunged into suicidal funk — and Katie, the youngest of his three daughters. Every time Ed begins to act on his

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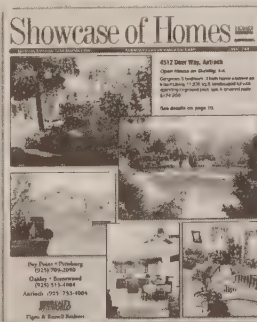
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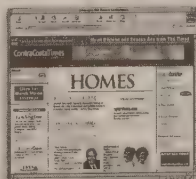
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destructive urges, Katie barges in, barely noticing his distress. This is a subtle, lightweight movie turns into a malaise of a suburban family's nerve and wraps up the in-joking family crises in a cozy veil of reassurance. — S. Holden. (R) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"NAISSANCE": This visually lush, motion-capture animated film is bogged down by a slow story involving characters. Set in Paris, the story revolves around a stoic cop named Karas (played by Daniel Craig) charged with finding a young woman named a scientist for the omnipotent corporation Avalon, which appears when the city. Fans of cutting-edge animation and graphic novels will warm to the cool, abstract world of the black and white visuals. — K. Crust. (R: some violent images, sexuality, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B-

"GOING ALONE FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES": In Zhang Yimou's moving new film, the director uses a modern day Don Quixote, a Japanese man (Ken Takakura) who sets out on a long and seemingly ill-conceived journey through the desert hoping to right whatever wrong has caused a decade-long rift with his son. As a study of culture clash, perhaps this unfolds too slowly, but as a story of the complications of father-son love, it touches. — M. Pols. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"SCANNER DARKLY": Director Richard Linklater transforms Philip Dick's 1955 novel into a sad and funny humorous film that marries photography with animation, like the filmmaker's "Waking Life." Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Winona Ryder and Rory Kinnear (who is exceptional) star. — M. Pols. (R: drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent scene.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

"SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS": Pigeon Dynamite's John Heder gets a worthy comedy vehicle, makes the most of his part as a pushover who becomes a surprisingly apt student at a tough-love discipline-building class taught by viciously derisive Billy Bob Thornton. With Sarah Silverman, David Cross, Dan Fogler, Luis Guzman and Todd Louiso among the comedians in supporting roles. — M. Pols. (PG-13 for language, rude sexual content and some violence.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP": An agitating, semi-biographical film (writer/director Michel Gondry. A man (Gael Garcia Bernal) returns to his childhood home in Paris, to a lousy job at a calendar company and develops crushes on a lot of girls, including the one (Charlotte Gainsbourg) who lives in an apartment across the hall from him. But mostly, he dreams, and some of the surreal touches in his dreams are fun to look at, but the movie lacks an emotional entry point. — M. Pols. (R: language, some sexual content and nudity.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. C-

"SCOOP": Woody Allen enjoyed playing with Scarlett Johansson (as "Scarlett") so much, he wrote a movie for her. Like "Matchstick Men," this film is set in London and lives around murder, but that's not the similarities end. "Scoop" is as light as a feather and playful in classic early Allen style. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. A-

"MERRYBABY": In Laurie Collyer's novel, a heroin addict named Sherry (played by Gyllenhaal), fresh out of prison tries to stay clean and begin a relationship with her child. The film doesn't take us anywhere particularly new — will she or won't she? — but the infinitely malleable Gyllenhaal gives such a sad, vulnerable performance that she seduces us right onto the coasters of caring about Sherry, though we know it could be a bad proposition. Surely this is the work of an actress with limitless abilities. — M. Pols. (NR) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

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brawny and, best of all, introspective. Welcome to the new "Superman," directed with reverence and refreshing insight by Bryan Singer (the first two "X-Men" movies). New-comer Brandon Routh wears the cape well, but everyone in the cast is dynamite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some intense action violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. A-

"TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY": Like NASCAR racing, "Ricky Bobby" has its thrilling moments. But mostly it feels repetitive — the film never really goes anywhere. Will Ferrell re-teams with his "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" director for this take on a race car driver whose success is threatened by a rival driver who bursts onto the scene. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: crude and sexual humor, language, drug references and brief comic violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"THIS FILM IS NOT YET RATED": Kirby Dick embarked on a righteous quest: to identify and expose the eight or nine anonymous panelists who decide whether movies get a G, PG, PG-13, R or the dreaded NC-17 rating. Dick's film is a sometimes revealing, sometimes tedious guerrilla assault on the Motion Picture Association of America's secretive ratings policies, but the film is simply not as provocative, infuriating or incisive as he had hoped. — C. Outhier. (NR: Rating surrendered: previously rated NC-17 for some graphic sexual content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. C+

"THREE DOLLARS": In this Australian film, 38-year-old Eddie Hamovey (David Wenham) has reached a turning point in his job: His ideals and a steady paycheck are in direct opposition. Eddie works as a chemical engineer who's pressured to sign off on his latest job even though he has found traces of deadly toxins. In the middle of everything, Eddie also has a supernatural connection with Amanda, the developer's daughter. This complex web of events, ideas and emotions play out quite nicely for a while. — J. Anderson. (R) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"TRUST THE MAN": Writer/director Bart Freundlich takes us on a tour of attractive Manhattan locations with two equally appealing couples, both facing trouble in their relationships. Julianne Moore is an actress, David Duchovny is her bored stay-at-home husband. Billy Crudup is a sports writer suffering from a serious case of Peter Pan-itis, Maggie Gyllenhaal is the nice girlfriend desperate to have a baby. Smart and touching, but too ambitious for the time frame. Would have made a good must-see HBO series. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?": Chris Paine's trenchant documentary focuses on General Motors' EV1. Launched in 1996, the electric car was so efficient, dealers kept a waiting list with tens of thousands of names. But then GM recalled all the EV1s. Paine's movie

manages to entertain and infuriate as he investigates the reasons why a U.S. automaker would invest in a product only to sabotage it at every turn. — G. Whipp. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B+

"THE U.S. VS. JOHN LENNON": Despite some cheesy graphics, this documentary by David Leaf and John Scheinfeld about the government's obsession with the late Beatle's political activism reveals the soul and essence of John the thoughtful musician, loving husband and devoted father. The impressive list of '60s icons represented includes Angela Davis, Bobby Seale, Ron Kovic, Noam Chomsky and Gore Vidal. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some strong language, violent images, drug references.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B+

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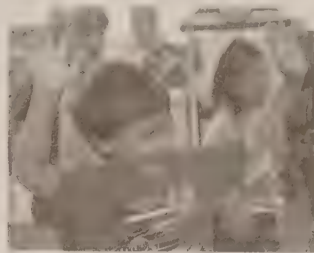


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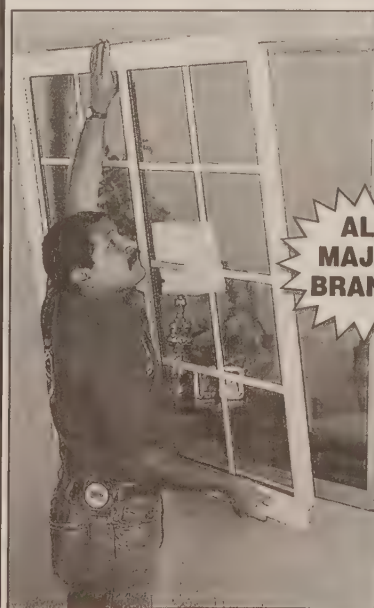
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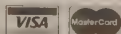
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DiCaprio, I don't know, validated isn't really the word, maybe, but good, you know. It was like we had something together," says Leonardo DiCaprio. He is being offered a part in Martin Scorsese's "The Departed."

Hide and seek, twisted Scorsese arrives anew with 'The Departed'

By Barry Caine

MASTER MAGICIAN de- in creating his magic and ing its effect on the crowd. Martin Scorsese's best tricks, you prefer, illusions, involve ering ugliness with a mor- vity that makes it tolerable ustified.

director showcased that "Mean Streets," perfected Goodfellas." Having survived self-indulgences such as "Taxi Driver" and "The Godfather Part II," he reaffirms his brilliance in "The Departed."

fastest picture in years, the kind of film that re- people why they go to theaters.

adapted from the clever 2002 Kong box drama "Inferno," the story is a cat's cr- possibilities brought to life terrific ensemble: Leonardo DiCaprio, Jack Nicholson, Matt Damon, Mark Wahlberg and Alec Baldwin.

picture's not pretty but it compelling and, in many ways, very funny.

Violence comes in staccato bursts. The suspense is un- ing. Scorsese loves luring audi-

'THE DEPARTED'

STARRING: Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Alec Baldwin, Jack Nicholson, Mark Wahlberg
RATED: R for serious violence
OPENS TODAY: Bay Area theaters
Running time: 2 hours, 29 minutes
See the trailer at ContracostaTimes.com

ences down dangerous streets throbbing with neon. In "The Departed," the streets are in South Boston, and the lures are undercover operatives on different sides of the law.

Groomed by crude mob boss Frank Costello (Nicholson) since he was a boy, Colin Sullivan (Damon) acts the smoothie, jumping up the ranks of the Massachusetts State Police Force to become a member of a special unit whose goal is to bring down Costello.

The cops have their own mole inside the kingpin's outfit, undercover officer Billy Costigan (Leonardo DiCaprio).

Costigan joined the force to escape the muck of the old

neighborhood. Now he must dive back in, growing more paranoid and anxious as the weeks turn into months.

The mole learns one of its own is a detective about the same time as the police discover a mole's infiltrated the force.

In an unusual twist, each mole must deflect attention while attempting to discover the identity of his opposite number.

It's a marvelous concept, one whose intricacies forbid Scorsese from drifting into his beloved digressions.

William Monahan's ("Kingdom of Heaven") screenplay provides all that's necessary; a subplot involving stolen high-tech military doo-hickies adds 15 minutes of toxic waste to the 2.5-hour running time.

While there are no bad performances in "The Departed," DiCaprio's is the standout. No more do the boyish looks distract us, as they did with his Howard Hughes portrayal in "The Aviator." As Costigan, he's mean, angry, anxious, volatile. His eyes reflect the inner torment. An emotionally raw performance, it stays with you well beyond the final credits.

Damon revamps his "Talented

Mr. Ripley." He takes Sullivan deeper and makes him edgier, but keeps him soulless.

Jack is Jack, and it's all good. Initially shot in silhouette, his Costello is an unstable Mephistopheles with a mean streak. In a brief but memorable bit, Costello talks to Costigan about a rat infiltrating the gang, the threat clear despite a surface lightness. Then he mimics a rodent. It's priceless.

Wahlberg makes combative Sgt. Dignam, one of the two men who know Costigan's true identity, an unashamedly crass and mean S.O.B. who spits truths like machine gun bullets.

Baldwin's glib Capt. Ellerby, who supervises Sullivan's unit, is the quintessential career man. A fast-talker indifferent to details, he provides plenty of comic relief. Scorsese lets the story unfold as it wants, nudging here and there to keep it captivating.

One caveat: "The Departed" is not for the squeamish.

Some of the violence, though appropriate, borders on excessive. That said, this is a rich entertainment packed with powerful performances, strong writing and masterly direction. Don't hesitate.

conferences at which President Bush has referred to a question as a "trick." 11."

For her intriguing work, Andrea Bowers has found or created protest buttons with bold statements such as "Freedom Has No Value If Violence Is The Price." She mounts them at the center of what she "Political Slogans and Flower Magic," sometimes a delicate floral arrangement or a trail of ivy or, in one instance, a tumbleweed made from tiny strands of barbed wire.

In addition to "Particulate Matter," the museum is featuring monthlong exhibits by San Francisco artists whose work is related to the main show. Daniel Tierney's big paintings, on view through

Oct. 8, suggest a precisely constructed world that is floating or flying apart. Elise Irving will be featured Oct. 14-Nov. 5, and Lisa K. Blatt on Nov. 11-Dec. 10.

Black-and-white photographs from the museum's collection distill these themes about the mysteries of modern life. Among them are Man Ray's elegant depiction of a hanging spiral of paper, Minor White's jagged-patterned "Ice on Window," and Tina Modotti's concentric circles of glasses which she called "Experiment in Related Form."

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KPFA

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once in the afternoon. "You get 10 seconds if you're lucky," Etre says about how much time most juries have to look at work and decide if you're going to get into a show or not.

And at 340 entries, the judges will be viewing 1,700 slides — twice. That means your work has got to be good.

"Think about originality and creativity," Etre coaches the judges.

"Resist the desire to editorialize. Ask questions about the work. And try not to judge the photography."

If there's one thing art school pounds into students, it's that your slides have to be excellent, as oftentimes they're the only way prospective galleries, curators and judges will have to gauge the quality of your work. Boy, are they right.

The studio lights dim and the judges pick up their clipboards. They'll look at all of the slides and make notes if they need to. After lunch, they'll view the slides again and score the entries — including their own — from one to five points, five being the highest.

A third of the entries are from new and prospective exhibitors, and the rest are from returning artists.

To keep things fresh, Etre selects a new set of judges every year. So unless they've crossed paths as fellow exhibitors, the judges don't know one another.

After introductions are finished, the lights are dimmed. The

projector motors start to whir and the parade of images begins. Suddenly a familiar slide comes up. It's Culbert's glass dishes.

"The reflection is awesome," Pearlman raves. Prismatic squares of light play on the surface of clear glass. Another juror asks, "Are you getting into all of the shows you want?"

Yes, there are perks to being a judge ... and this is one of them. You have the opportunity to get important feedback from fellow working artists wearing the hats of eagle-eyed critics.

The carousels resume clicking and whirring. There are murmurs and sighs when a particularly strong body of work flashes across the screen. There's also discussion about how much of an artist's hand was involved in the creation of a certain group of artwork.

At the end of the barrage, the lights go up and the judges get ready to head upstairs for a buffet lunch.

After that, they'll sample the food and body products. The final judging won't be easy. Pearlman says everything is very impressive. "Can we take everybody?" she quips.

Unfortunately, no, but Oakland clay artist Diane Amaral's slip-painted dishes have made the cut; J. Brooke Patterson's delicate egg ornaments and Berkeley artist Robin Senour's psychedelic jewelry are in.

It looks like this year's show is going to be a gem.

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On DVDs

You'll be thankful for 'Smoking'

"Thank You For Smoking"
When "Smoking" was published in 1994, I was working as a Congressional aide, part of the very institution the book so mercilessly mocks. The book was hysterical then and the DVD is nearly as good today. The dark comedy doesn't just skewer political leaders, but it also rakes over the coals Hollywood, big business, the news media and just about anyone else it can get its hands on. Aaron Eckhart plays the ultra smooth public relations executive who tries to convince the world that his employers — the nation's cigarette companies — are good corporate citizens and that the health effects of smoking are just unfounded theories cooked up by medical school drop-outs bent on destroying the American way of life. Some of the deeper laughs didn't make their way into the film, but I still found myself in a constant state of chuckle. (R: Sex, language). 1 hour and 31 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 3 stars
Kids: N/A
Teens: 2 stars
Adults: 3 1/2 stars
Seniors: 2 1/2 stars
Should you rent it? Yes — If you subscribe to the New Yorker, this is your kind of movie.

"X-Men: The Last Stand"
Did you like the first two X-men movies? If so, you'll be pleased. If not, you can stop reading this review now, because "Last Stand" is a carbon copy of the first two DVDs. Taken from the popular comic book series, X-Men imagines a world when mutants with superhuman powers live among us. The special effects in the DVD are staggering, especially a scene where the Golden Gate Bridge is ripped from its moorings and transplanted to Alcatraz. There is also something appealing about a blockbuster aimed at teens and young adults that is headlined by two actors old enough to be collecting Social Security (Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen). The perilous scenes and body count make this better for viewers 12 and older. (PG-13: Language and violence). 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 2 1/2 stars
Kids: 3 stars
Teens: 3 1/2 stars
Adults: 2 1/2 stars
Seniors: 1 1/2 stars
Should you rent it? Yes — A fine choice if you're looking for an action film.

"Curious George"
Adapted from the world famous children's book series, "George" is sweet, simple and perfect for your preschool kids. This was the first film my 2-year-old daughter ever saw in a theater and even if it didn't hold her attention the entire time, the marvelous songs by Jack Johnson became an instant favorite in the Alderman household. I would have preferred the film to track more closely with the original book and less on the love life of the Man With the Yellow Hat, played by Will Ferrell. But I won't quibble. I'm just happy Hollywood made a nice G rated movie where no one's mother dies. (G). 1 hour and 26 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 3 stars
Kids: 3 1/2 stars
Teens: 1 1/2 stars
Adults: 3 stars
Seniors: 3 stars
Should you rent it? Yes — Charming kids film with a great soundtrack.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached at jason@alderman.net.



THE KPFA SELECTION committee makes its selection from a series of slides submitted by each entrant, including those of Barbara Glenn Prodaniuk's ceramics.

KPFA jurors pick their gems

■ Selecting entrants for annual community crafts, music fair a team effort

By Jennifer Modenessi

STAFF WRITER
S HOWTIME IS about two months away, but Jan Etre is already very busy.

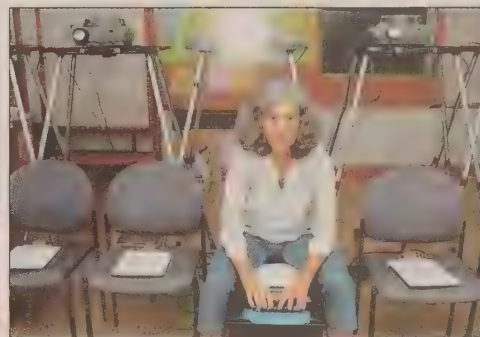
The organizer of the 56th annual KPFA Crafts & Music Fair, the Bay Area's largest event of its kind, is buzzing around the radio station's Berkeley studios, adjusting projectors, checking entry lists and waiting for the arrival of the five judges who'll choose the exhibiting artists for this year's fair.

The event, which takes place Dec. 9 and 10 inside San Francisco's Concourse Exhibition Center, is one of the hundreds of crafts fairs happening throughout California and the Bay Area this upcoming holiday season. So what is it about the KPFA fair that separates it from the rest?

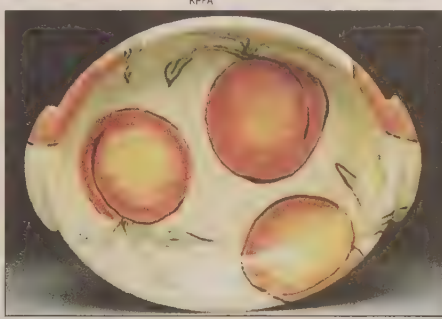
Etre, the fair's 18-year veteran organizer, offers a simple reason: "A community radio (station) is producing it with the community in mind."

Considering that it's KPFA, Berkeley's pioneering, politically progressive, listener-sponsored radio station, an eclectic mix of artwork is virtually guaranteed.

There are sculptural boiled wool coats, color-soaked Japanese-style woodcuts and oodles of handcrafted pottery, weavings, paintings and jewelry — not to mention gourmet cheeses, confections, and aromatic elixirs and oils.

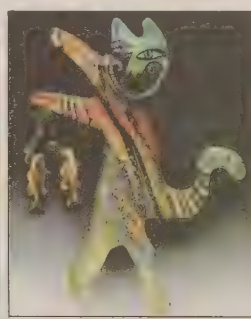


THE JURORS are valuable, says veteran fair organizer Jan Etre, above. Artisan submissions include works by J. Brooke Patterson, left, Diane Amaral, below left, and Robin Sencour.



From artists' studios (and kitchens) to the coveted KPFA Craft & Music Fair exhibition booths, these goodies reach holiday shoppers thanks to a whole

lot of judging. And that's exactly what glass artist Nancy Pearlman, wearables designer Anja Broenick, gourd artist Marilyn Host, glassmaker



Trish Culbert and jewelry designer Maja are here to do.

"I've done (the) KPFA (fair) for 15 years," says Pearlman, a self-taught Berkeley glass arti-

san. The lanky sixty-something woman with cropped curly hair and dangling sterling-silver kiln-fired glass earrings is one of the five judges Etre has to sift through the more than 1,000 entries.

"We're looking for the original people," Etre tells the judges settle into their chairs. "We're looking for people doing surprising and wonderful things."

She could be talking about judges themselves. Bruce San Francisco designer stitches bright swatches of colorful fabric into angular, bowl-like shapes. San Francisco jewelry designer Micaela creates her own eponymous creatures from papier-mâché, hollowed-out gourds. San Francisco jewelry designer Micaela creates her own eponymous creatures from papier-mâché, hollowed-out gourds. San Francisco jewelry designer Micaela creates her own eponymous creatures from papier-mâché, hollowed-out gourds.

"I picked the jurors for their high scores in last year's judging," Etre says. "The jurors are valuable and the fair is a process is like."

Being working artists, the jurors help the judges decide who to invite into the fair ... but the judging is no easy task.

Each artist's work, intricately inlaid furniture, wood bowl or cast concrete, is represented by a photograph mounted in a carousel once in a morning session.

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Mills College gallery sets metaphorical environment

THE PASTORAL CAMPUS of Mills College in Oakland may not be the first place you'd look for a cutting-edge contemporary art exhibit, but the setting can be deceptive. It's within sight of busy Highway 580, the college has long been a center for modern art and music, and the big, bright museum space is perfect for many contemporary art projects.

"Particulate Matter," which opened last month, offers more contrasts in this collection of works by six American and European artists. "There is something poetic, haunting and even beautiful to be wrestled from chaos," says curator Glen Helfand in his catalog essay for the show.

The title of the exhibit comes from the description of tiny particles that are suspended in the air — and when there are enough of them, the chemical dust forms smog. Helfand trans-



ROBERT TAYLOR
In the Galleries

lates this to the way artists see the world we all share.

"This historical moment seems to be one in which tensions have built to tipping points in many important arenas," Helfand says.

The six artists he has chosen haven't created blatant diatribes about air pollution or global warming. But they do set a tone and, Helfand believes, reflect "pervasive cultural tumultuousness."

The exhibit brings just the

IF YOU GO

■ MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM: "Particulate Matter," works by six contemporary American and European artists, through Dec. 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, free, 510-430-2164; directions, 510-430-3250, www.mills.edu/museum.

right uneasiness — and challenges — to the grand museum gallery, with its herringbone-pattern oak floor, massive wrought-iron gate, coffered ceiling and full-length skylight.

"Particulate Matter" marks a turning point for the 81-year-old museum, which plans to add a new wing featuring contemporary art, emerging artists and new media.

Beginning in September and



THE MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM is displaying "Particulate Matter" through Dec. 10. This photo by Florian Maier-Aichele of the exhibit, which filters topics such as global warming and politics through an artistic lens.

continuing through February, the museum offers an enticing series of free lectures on contemporary art. Participants include photographer Larry Sultan, tattoo artist Don Ed Hardy and curator Janet Bishop.

So what do the six artists see when they study the world around us?

Chris Finley, who lives and

works in Rohnert Park, digital tools to transform multitude of images into arcs and curves. It's speeding around the panels at a frenzied pace among endless variations of freeway maze. One work includes the names of 48

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BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

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that produced 320 horsepower and 340 pounds-foot of torque, I was pleased with the acceleration even with the heavy load aboard. The EPA mileage rating for this engine is 15 city and 21 highway. The engine has Active Fuel Management that switches

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Have a messy car? Enter contest to win a new one

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Forget American Idol, Dancing with the Stars or America's Got Talent. Finally, here's an online contest I (and a number of readers) have a shot at winning. Milliken Co., a textile company in Spartanburg, S.C., makes stain- and odor-resistant fabrics for cars, and has launched a nationwide Internet search for America's Messiest Car.

The grand prize is a 2007 Chrysler Pacifica. Specifically, the prize is the Touring version with sludge-proof Essentials cloth seating made by Milliken.

I'm a neat freak, but that didn't rub-off on my teen-daughter. I blame her messy genes on grandma auntie. I bought a 2000 Acura TL new and babied it wasn't fanatical. Instead of hand washing it weekly my obsessive-compulsive Detroit area neighbors with their vehicles, I ran it through the \$3 car wash. I didn't hose down the interior, but I'd do a quick vacuum of the carpet now and then.

I purchased the car, which is equipped with front impact airbags and a navigation system, knowing my young daughter would be driving in a few years. I insured the safety features, the car's size and the navigation system as a first-time driver.

Before long, "my baby," as my now college-age daughter calls my car, became her bus to school and wherever else for all of her friends. She worked hard keeping me away from the car — hiding spare keys, keeping it locked and jumping up to move it instead of having me get it. I found out why one day when I got a text call from her. She'd arrived at a nearby pool for a swim meet without her swimwear. Could I go get it from "her" car?

The state of "my" car left me fuming. Very brown-bagged lunch, dinner and snack we'd ever packed was in the trunk. Clothes, books, school supplies and CDs were strewn everywhere. Who knows what got ground into the carpet? The leather upholstery actually had cuts in it, and the seat-back pocket was torn completely off. It had become a trashcan on four wheels. Apparently, my household is not alone, according to the messy car contest sponsor.

"Keeping a clean vehicle can be difficult, considering that 82 percent of drivers transport sandy, muddy or dirty gear in their vehicles," said Mike Guggenheimer, manager for YES Essentials products. The culprits: "Fifty-seven percent of drivers keep pets in their cars, 68 percent have sports equipment, and 72 percent transport camping or outdoor gear," exclaimed Guggenheimer.

According to a Milliken cleanliness study, Americans are over-scheduled, over-worked and over-committed trying to meet the daily demands of a career, family and friends. However, drivers still want to keep their car free of dirt and debris without committing to a daily car interior-cleaning regimen. Milliken research also showed that 68 percent of drivers surveyed rated getting a vehicle clean with as little effort as possible as one of the most important factors in maintaining a vehicle.

Milliken is searching for America's messiest

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est car to promote its new fabric, which it claims can withstand and repel the worst stains — coffee, ketchup, lipstick — and has an antimicrobial agent to inhibit the growth of bacteria.

So consider entering. Messy car owners can go to www.MyLifeMyCarMyMess.com to enter the contest, and one grand prizewinner will be chosen from all online entries received. Entrants can post up to five photos of their sloppy car, and even the family members responsible for the mess, plus a short essay explaining how a chaotic life has led to the turmoil in his or her vehicle. Visitors to the site can also view submitted entries, and can rate the cars on a scale of Squeaky Clean to Dumpster on Wheels.

Online entries will be accepted through Monday, Oct. 16, after which an independent judging panel will choose winners. Additional prizes include a car upgrade for the second-place winner — with YES Essentials seat covers, floor and trunk mats — and sets of YES Essentials floor mats to help 10 third-place winners spruce up their messy rides.

Sources: Milliken Cleanliness Study (March 2003); Lifestyle Analysis from JCI Performance Interiors Project (2003); Milliken Qualitative Floor Mat Study (April 2004); Mintel "Marketing to Moms" report (July 2005).

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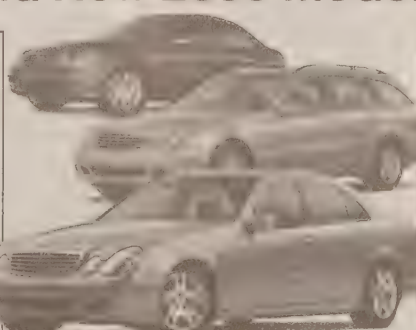
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Yamaha's FJR1300 models are better than ever

BY ARV VOSS
MOTOR MATTERS

As riders mature, the popularity of the "Sport Touring" motorcycle category continues to escalate based upon the added comfort and functionality offered by such bikes.

The segment has grown 35 percent since 2002, when Yamaha introduced the FJR1300. The FJR quickly established itself as a prominent player, leading in sales and achieving a 28 percent market share for the 2005 model year or season.

Yamaha ups the ante in the Sports Touring marketplace with its new FJR1300A and FJR1300AE models. Both FJR1300 A and AE models feature the same improvements and enhancements, with one exception — the FJR1300AE version hits the road with an innovative electric shift feature: the first electric-shift technology to be applied in the motorcycling world. Whatever you do though, don't refer to the new system as an automatic transmission — it isn't, because it still requires the rider to shift gears, in both directions — there's just no manual clutch handle on the left grip.

Bottom line, the "A" version of the FJR1300 features conventional shifting, while the "AE" model provides two ways to shift gears — still with a left foot-operated lever, or via a "rocker" toggle switch beneath the left grip. Neither of the two shifting methods is mechanically linked, but rather is operated electrically in conjunction with the ECU (primary en-

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gine computer) activating servo motors that do double duty — changing gears and working the clutch. The AE's system technology is referred to by Yamaha as YCCS (Yamaha Chip Controlled Shift). The transmissions are five-speed units with the YCCS version positioning Neutral at the bottom rather than between first and second gears.

Power comes from a 1298cc, 16-degree DOHC, 16-valve, 4-stroke inline, liquid-cooled four-cylinder with Nippon EFI into 4x3-way catalytic converters delivering 141.4 horsepower and 99.1 pounds-foot of torque at the crank.

Motive force reaches the rear-wheel via shaft drive. Front forks are fully adjustable while the rear shock features a two-way adjustment. Braking within the linked ABS braking system operates both front (only two of the right front caliper's four) and rear brakes when the rear brake is applied. Applying the front brake activates the remaining front pistons.

The FJR's styling has evolved to a more aggressive, high quality sport-tourer look for considerably less green stuff than BMW's new K 1200 GT with which it closely competes. The base price for the FJR1300A is \$13,499 while the AE version begins at \$15,299. The as-tested prices rang up at \$14,579 for the A and \$17,323 for the AE.

The basic additional cost for the AE model which includes heated grips as part of the equation over the A version amounts to \$1,800. The FJR1300A is finished in Cobalt Blue while the FJR1300AE comes sprayed in Cerulean Silver.

Summary: The FJR1300AE, though it takes a little getting used to, is incredibly quick and well balanced. I didn't experience the A model during the national press introduction in San Diego, Calif., but focused instead on the YCCS technology. The rocker toggle shifter is easy enough to operate — flicking the forward lever toward your shifts gears up, while pressing the rear lever forward shifts gears down (kind of counter-intuitive). Unfortunately, the rear paddle is smaller than the front and is positioned just below the horn button, which resulted in a lot of horn honking initially, instead of downshifting. Fortunately, however, one can just as effectively downshift by flicking the front paddle forward with an index finger — problem solved.

Brad Banister, manager of Yamaha's media relations, explained that YCCS was developed to reduce the fatigue caused by having to use a clutch in heavy traffic or at the end of a long day's ride, but not be obtrusive when riding the bike in an aggressive manner. Essentially, YCCS is a manual transmission with a computer-controlled clutch, which works quite well actually. The bike must be out of gear (neutral) with

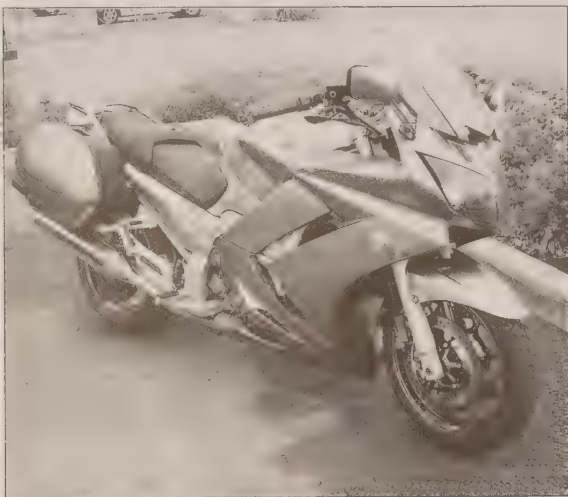
the front brake applied for the engine to fire. When engine rpms fall below 1,300, the clutch is automatically disengaged. The opposite occurs when pulling away from a standstill, engaging at 1,300 rpm and slipping as necessary.

Even with neutral positioned at the bottom of the shift pattern, there's no chance of hitting neutral by accident, as neutral will not engage unless the bike is completely stopped. If a downshift is needed due to lugging, the gear indicator flashes a warning, and the system will not permit a downshift that would over rev the engine. Should you wish to leave the bike in gear to avoid rolling on

an incline, you must turn the ignition off and wait three seconds for the clutch to engage.

The YCCS system shines on the road, operating smoothly and effectively, shifting whether by hand or foot. In bumper-to-bumper traffic, operation can seem to surge a little, and as noted during photo shooting, turning around on an uphill gravel surface can be a little dicey without

a driver controlled "friction zone." In the final analysis, the Yamaha FJR1300 models are ideally suited to comfortable, long-range touring with a sporty flavor. If you're a rider who chooses to be on the cutting edge of technology, the FJR1300 AE is the way to go — besides, also get the heated grips thrown as part of the package. On the other hand, if you favor tradition and convention, the FJR1300A does the trick — both come with improvements that enhance the riding experience.



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209 Behrens St - \$575,000
1440 Liberty St - \$555,000
7018 Manila Av - \$620,000
6727 Waldo Av - \$529,000

EL SOBRANTE
617 Donna Mae - \$500,000
932 Kelvin - \$533,000
5855 Robinhood - \$515,000

EMERYVILLE
3 Captain D207 - \$350,000
6363 Christie Av 815 - \$427,500
58 Loop 22 - \$545,500

KENSINGTON
263 Colusa Av - \$575,000
15 Franciscan Wy - \$674,500
16 Sunset Dr - \$1,950,000

OAKLAND
514 105th Av - \$625,000

2237 11th Av - \$500,000
2420 11th Av - \$550,000
2417 25th Av - \$435,000
1731 34th Av - \$610,000
2170 38th Av - \$570,000
3801 38th Av - \$350,000
451 51st St - \$405,000
1460 56th Av - \$550,000
1125 66th St - \$663,000
2557 67th Av - \$522,000
2345 84th Av - \$558,000
960 86th Av - \$532,000
1926 88th Av - \$420,000
1774 8th St - \$720,000
1011 92nd Av - \$275,000
10619 Acalanes - \$422,000
3131 Adeline St - \$310,000
627 Alcatraz Av - \$615,000
428 Alice St 328 - \$578,500
428 Alice St 506 - \$423,000
31 Asilomar Cr - \$1,250,000
1915 Auseon Av - \$550,000
9429 B St - \$475,000
5425 Brookdale - \$520,000
6307 Brookside - \$1,385,000
320 Caldecott Ln 129 - \$495,000
640 Canyon Oaks H - \$470,000
547 Capistrano Dr - \$415,000
313 Chester St - \$200,000
801 Clay St - \$386,000
3006 Coolidge Av - \$578,000
3135 Coolidge Av - \$550,000
7606 Deerwood Av - \$520,000
2894 Delaware St - \$500,000
5501 Dover St - \$715,000
8216 Dowling St - \$300,000
2920 East 19th St - \$625,000
1116 East 20th St - \$580,000
2223 East 23rd St - \$938,000
1924 East 28th St - \$899,000
336 Elwood Av - \$650,000
77 Fairmount 208 - \$291,000
6514 Farallon Wy - \$730,000
7225 Favor St - \$445,000
5401 Fleming Av - \$495,000
6428 Foothill Bl - \$465,000
3962 Forest Hill Av - \$710,000
801 Franklin St - \$460,000
416 Ghormley Av - \$505,000
425 Ghormley Av - \$370,000
2763 Grande Vista - \$360,000
1500 Hampel St - \$770,000
322 Hanover Av 212 - \$419,000
3332 Harrison St - \$674,000
1125 Hollywood - \$837,000
431 Hunter Av - \$380,000
1836 Irving Av - \$668,000
2408 Ivy Dr - \$735,000
9837 Lawlor St - \$357,000
3901 Loma Vista Av - \$503,000
2917 MacArthur 1K - \$345,000
3322 Market St - \$452,000
857 McElroy St - \$255,000
3833 Mera St - \$450,000
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3912 Nevil - \$472,000
6037 Old Quarry - \$857,500
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150 Pearl St 122 - \$295,000
10227 Royal Ann St - \$465,000
3008 School St - \$415,000
9657 Thermal St - \$505,000
1121 Trestle Glen - \$779,000
924 Trestle Glen - \$887,000

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21 Bonita Av - \$1,310,000
92 Linda Av 3 - \$925,000
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105 Palm Dr - \$905,000

RICHMOND
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627 35th St - \$490,000
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569 Duboce Av - \$490,000
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109 Flagship Pl - \$948,000
2949 Gilma Dr - \$530,000
5635 Highland Av - \$400,000
168 Lakeshore Ct - \$544,000
93 Marina Lakes - \$391,000
1824 Mendocino - \$559,000
1334 Merced St - \$495,000
808 Payne Dr - \$410,000
5126 Prather Av - \$400,000
5200 Prather Av - \$445,000
215 Ripley Av - \$250,000
316 South 47th St - \$555,000
711 Summer Ln - \$602,500
4205 Wall Av - \$435,000
656 Wilson Av - \$446,000
408 Wood Glen - \$935,000

SAN LEANDRO
999 Arbor Dr - \$859,000
1508 Beechwood - \$552,500
16321 Bevil Wy - \$490,000
816 Cary Dr - \$850,000
959 Evergreen Av - \$626,000
15310 Laverne Dr - \$610,000
910 Melcher St - \$537,000
247 Oakes Bl - \$550,000
319 Stoakes Av - \$565,000
877 Sybil Av - \$595,000
14215 Trinidad - \$530,000
15918 Windsor - \$474,000

SAN LORENZO
782 Bockman - \$800,000
15581 Ronconi Dr - \$650,000

684 Via Alamo - \$545,000
17282 Via Del Rey - \$710,000
1241 Via El Monte - \$550,000
59 Via Linares - \$510,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$495,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$933,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$685,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$682,000

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$455,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$860,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$657,500

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 16
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,455,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$655,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$726,094

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$529,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$620,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$569,750

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$533,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$515,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$516,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$427,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$441,000

KENSINGTON
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$575,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,950,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$747,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,066,500

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 75
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,385,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$505,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$545,727

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$905,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,310,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$995,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,033,750

RICHMOND
TOTAL SALES: 27
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$948,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$475,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$505,759

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$474,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$859,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$565,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$603,208

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$510,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$800,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$627,500

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The 2007 Shelby Cobra is the most powerful Mustang ever

G. CHAMBERS WILLIAMS III
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

The new Shelby Mustang has shed. The 500-horsepower 2007 Ford Mustang Shelby Cobra GT500 is now being shipped to dealers, and is creating quite a stir wherever it shows up.

This fire-breathing beast, with a great retro look of its late-60s predecessors, is a masterpiece among modern automotive muscle cars.

Ford Motor Co. officials rolled out their latest high-performance Mustang to rousing applause at the 2005 New York International Auto Show, but it has taken a year and a half since then to get the Shelby into production and its way to consumers.

On hand to show off the vehicle at the New York show was the man himself — Carroll Shelby. On a stage at the New York show, with a backdrop showing photos of him in the '60s when the Shelby Mustangs were created, he introduced the all-new Cobra GT500, a high-performance version of the new Mustang generation that debuted just two years ago.

Thirty-five years after the introduction of the first Shelby Mustang, Shelby touted his latest message, which actually was cre-

ated by Ford's Special Vehicle Team (known as SVT) with input from Shelby.

In fact, on the production car, the SVT name shows up in a number of places, including on the door sills, dash and engine, while the Shelby name appears just on the steering wheel and the tail.

The Shelby GT500 script and Cobra image are in the middle of the steering wheel. The name "Shelby" appears on the left of the rear end, and in the middle of the rear end is a Shelby badge with a cobra engraving.

Shelby's role in the car's creation was one of "senior adviser," just as he was in assisting the Ford "dream team" that designed the 550-horsepower, \$140,000 Ford GT supercar that debuted two years ago.

The Shelby GT500 comes with a supercharged 5.4-liter V8 engine that cranks out 500 horsepower and 480 foot-pounds of torque. That's up from the 450 horsepower and 450 foot-pounds of torque that was announced when the concept vehicle was shown in New York.

And it's quite a boost from the 300 horsepower and 320 foot-pounds of torque in the 2007 Mustang GT, which has a 4.6-liter V8. A six-speed manual gearbox is the only transmission available in

the GT500.

Forget an automatic in this car — it's not going to happen.

The car's power is impressive. While we didn't check it to any great degree of accuracy, our tester accelerated from zero to 60 mph in just over four seconds.

The speedometer goes to 160, so presumably the car would come close to that.

But we kept ours at legal highway speeds, and would suggest that anyone else do that as well unless the car is on a track where it's safe and legal to go faster.

This is, of course, the most powerful factory-built Mustang ever, said Hau Thai-Tang, director of Ford's Advance Product Creation and Special Vehicle Team.

The Shelby Cobra is meant to help continue the consumer excitement that Ford has enjoyed with the latest generation of the Mustang, which comes with styling more like the early Mustangs than any recent versions.

The Shelby model is a natural evolution of the new Mustang chassis, which "was engineered from the beginning to be the basis of a high-performance, world-class sports car from SVT," Thai-Tang said.

The production GT500 is the first in a string of specialty Mus-

tangs coming from SVT, he promised at the New York show.

But some of those plans may have changed since Ford began its recent massive cost-cutting as it tries to reorganize itself and return to profitability.

In fact, the future of the Special Vehicle Team is not certain at this point.

Tai-Tang promised that the newest "ultimate Mustang" would come to market priced the same as the previous SVT Mustang, which listed for just under \$34,000 in 2004, its last year of production.

But indicative of the new realities at Ford, that promise was not kept. The GT500 delivered to us for testing showed a base price of \$40,930 plus \$745 freight and a \$1,300 gas-guzzler charge.

The test vehicle we had came with the premium interior trim package (\$595) and Sirius satellite radio (\$195). Total sticker was \$43,765.

The gas-guzzler charge is not a surprise; this car is all about power, not economy. EPA ratings are 15 miles per gallon in the city and 21 on the highway.

But it is interesting to note that the 2006 Chevrolet Corvette Z06, with its 7.0-liter V8 engine boasting 505 horsepower, does not fall under the gas-guzzler tax. It has EPA ratings of 16 city/26 highway. The Z06 starts at about \$66,000, however.

Ford initially said only a hard-top version would be offered, but a convertible has been added to the plans since the New York introduction. The coupe is the only one we've seen so far, however.

The T-56 manual is the same transmission that was used in the 2000 SVT Mustang Cobra R, 2004 SVT Mustang Cobra and the current Ford Racing Mustang FR500C.

A retro-styled aluminum hood and rear spoiler help give the car its classic good looks. The dual tuned stainless-steel exhaust has a great sound as the vehicle accelerates.

Underneath the car is a MacPherson strut independent front suspension with "reverse L" lower control arms, and a solid axle, three-link rear suspension with coil springs and a Panhard rod for "precise control of the rear axle," Ford said.

Fourteen-inch cross-drilled Brembo brake rotors are installed in the front, and 11.8-inch discs in the rear. Included are 18-inch machined aluminum wheels with Z-rated performance tires.

The locations of the speedometer and tachometer were swapped, Ford said, "to provide performance-oriented drivers with a better view of shift points while changing gears."

The front seats have special

bolstering to help keep the driver and passenger in place during hard cornering.

Standard amenities include air conditioning; power outside mirrors; six-way power driver's seat; power windows and door locks with remote; traction control; and antilock brakes.

Fast Facts: 2007 Ford Shelby Mustang GT500

The basics: This is the fastest and most powerful production Mustang ever, created by Ford's Special Vehicle Team with input from automotive performance legend Carroll Shelby. It has retro styling strongly reminiscent of the Shelby Mustangs of the 1960s.

Under the hood: A supercharged 5.4-liter V8 with 500 horsepower and 480 foot-pounds of torque, connected to a six-speed manual gearbox.

Performance: Zero to 60 mph in about 4 seconds; top speed about 160 mph.

The price: \$40,930 plus \$745 freight for the fastback coupe model, plus options.

How to get one: The GT500 is arriving at Ford dealers now, but there is a waiting list. If you're not already on it, you'll have to order one and wait for a while, or buy one on eBay for thousands of dollars over sticker.

U.S. automakers join the lithium-ion battery project

BY JASON ROBERSON
DETROIT FREE PRESS

DETROIT — Detroit's automakers are investing in Johnson Controls Inc. to develop a lighter and less expensive hybrid battery expected to be in vehicles by 2010 and able to compete with today's top-selling, Japanese-made hybrid batteries.

The Milwaukee-based supplier is up against a Toyota Motor Corp. joint venture called Panasonic Electric Vehicle Energy, which makes batteries for Toyota and has 10 percent of the hybrid battery market. Sanyo has a 13 percent market share, making batteries for the Ford Escape and Honda Accord, and an independent Panasonic battery operation making hybrid batteries for the Honda Civic is a 13 percent market share.

Sales of hybrid vehicles, which reached 84,000 in 2004 to 160,000 in 2005, show no signs of slowing down. But prices of nickel, a main element in nearly all hybrid batteries today, have increased from \$7 a kilogram (2.2 pounds) in a mid-1990s to \$25 a kilogram today, and automakers are considering alternatives.

"Johnson Controls, because of their joint venture, is in a leadership position for lithium-ion," said Dave Hermance, Toyota's executive engineer of advanced technology vehicles. "The big advantage with JCI is they have a historic relationship with the automotive industry."

A year ago, Johnson Controls, the world's largest manufacturer of conventional lead-acid auto batteries, formed a joint venture with Paris-based Saft Advanced Power Solutions to develop lithium-ion batteries.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler AG and the U.S. Department of Energy — members of the U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium — awarded Johnson Controls and Saft a two-year contract Aug. 14 to develop lithium-ion batteries.

The automakers and the Department of Energy signed a \$125 million agreement in July to split the cost of hybrid battery development projects. Johnson Controls also is fronting money and contributing equipment, expertise and employees to develop the batteries.

The goal is to make batteries for

\$500 each.

Alan Mumby, vice president and general manager of Johnson Controls' hybrid battery business, said the company, with more than 100 employees devoted to the project in Milwaukee, is on target to meet its goals by the end of its contract.

Johnson Controls has been working on hybrid batteries since the 1970s, though they were first made of lead acid. The company began exploring nickel-metal hydride in the early 1990s and lithium-ion in the late 1990s, Mumby said.

"This is just a logical extension of our business," Mumby said.

Lithium-ion describes an energy transfer method of harnessing lithium, a plentiful material with three times the energy density of nickel.

More than 50 percent of the manufacturing costs for lithium-ion and nickel-metal hydride batteries are for materials. Lithium-ion batteries will be cheaper than nickel-metal hydride batteries because it takes less lithium to deliver the same power as nickel, said Menahem Anderman, founder of Total Battery Consulting in Oregon House, Calif.

Lithium-ion battery manufacturers are working through safety concerns. One of the most critical manufacturing processes is the making of electrodes, the positive and negative poles of the battery, said Klaus

Brandt, executive vice president of Lithium Technology Corp. in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. That process is typically done by a solvent-based coating process.

"There's a safety risk, but there are also all sorts of environmental burdens in handling large amounts of solvents," Brandt said.

Lithium Technology, which has a patented process for addressing environmental concerns, has a joint venture with ThyssenKrupp to develop battery systems for non-nuclear submarines. This battery system enables propulsion four times longer and safer than lead-acid powered vessels.

The company also offers a battery system that powers a hybrid vehicle up to 50 miles per gallon. Lithium Technology already has a contract with an undisclosed automaker to develop a high-power battery management system designed to run a four-passenger hybrid vehicle capable of 60 mpg with zero emissions.

Another challenge in developing lithium-ion batteries is finding a market that Japanese manufacturers are not already dominating,

Brandt said.

"In general, Japanese battery manufacturers have made alliances with Japanese car manufacturers," Brandt said. "We believe that there is interest in getting access to this type of technology rather than going to Japan for joint ventures or other licensing deals."

Brandt said.

Hybrid battery basics

Battery terminology
Cell: The smallest unit of a battery.

Module: A number of cells together in the same case.

Battery pack: Modules grouped together for a common purpose. The Toyota Prius, for example, uses a 28-module battery pack, with six cells per module.

Battery replacement costs
About \$3,000.

How to care for it

"The nice thing is that the car takes care of the battery," said Dave Hermance, Toyota's executive engineer of advanced technology vehicles. "We have a lot of control logic in the vehicle that looks at temperatures, demand and conditions that protect the battery. There is very little the customer can do."

Durability
The battery, according to Hermance, should last the life of the vehicle.

China automaker will assemble MG coupe in Oklahoma

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

Last month, China's Nanjing Automobile announced plans to assemble MG cars in China, Great Britain and the U.S., possibly making it the first Chinese company to do business in North America.

Duke Hale, an industry veteran who has worked at Chrysler, Ford, Acura, Isuzu and Lotus, is the newly appointed president and chief executive officer of MG Cars North America/Europe, Inc.

He said in an interview that details reports in the British press naming Nanjing officials that plans build a plant in Oklahoma were "an idea, the Oklahoma state is far more than that." "There is a lot of work to do, and there are a lot of uncertainties ... But it's not

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an issue about whether or not we're going to do it," he said.

Nanjing plans to build three sedans in China. In England, it will assemble a modified version of the MG TF roadster. The Ardmore, Okla., plant will produce a coupe variant of the roadster.

The roadster launches first in the U.K. and the rest of Europe in the second or third quarter of 2007. The sedans will be sold in Europe and China. The coupe goes on sale in 2008. "The U.S. will have nothing to sell until May-June of 2008, when the roadster will be here also," Hale said, adding that the full product portfolio in the U.S. is undecided.

Engines and transmissions for all will be built by Nanjing at a new plant under construction and scheduled for completion by year-end.

Despite MG's departure from the U.S. market 25-plus years ago, Hale claims the brand still has appeal, though not as much as in Europe where it was still sold until last year.

"Research done by a European-based firm definitely indicates there is positive equity in North America with the 40-plus crowd," he said. "People as young as their late 30s and early 40s still remember the brand. Younger than that, they don't."

He isn't discouraged, however. "Look at the Mini Cooper. That was never as strong a brand as MG. But look at what they've done, selling 200,000-plus a year. I think we can

learn from Mini on how to not only appeal to the 40-plus crowd, but also how to tap into the 22 to 40 crowd. We'll tear a page out of Mini's playbook."

Those pages will focus on public relations and building interest in the brand through event marketing, sponsorships and heavy use of the Internet with Web sites like MySpace.com, Hale said.

While experts are skeptical about the success of a Chinese company in North America, Hale claims Nanjing's business model is different. "We're not positioning ourselves simply as a Chinese car company. We're positioning ourselves as a global car company."

Its approach toward funding is different as well, said Hale. Nanjing announced total capital investment

exceeds \$2 billion, with the state of Oklahoma, the Ardmore city government, and Davis Capital, LLC, kicking in funds.

"Typically people run to dealers and ask them for millions. Some people run to investment bankers, venture capitalists or private equity funds," he said. "We targeted states that might make sense for a corporate headquarters and possible plant — a state that would be interested in bringing jobs there. We targeted seven to eight states and three were highly interested. We then selected Oklahoma."

Oklahoma was attractive for many reasons: its central location in North America, investment by municipalities, being a right-to-work state, and easy access to highways, rail, and an airstrip. Unique is the

fact that some of the land is sovereign Indian state, which provides tax advantages.

"Let the imagination run," said Hale, "and you can think of creative ways that allows the business to be more efficient and profitable to the point that one might be able to build vehicles in Oklahoma nearly as cheaply as China."

U.S. dealers likely will be required to have a separate showroom for MG, but can share back offices and service and parts operations to make the return on investment for dealers more attractive.

Running MG is a dream come true for Hale. "My vision — one I had long before this company — is to create a world-class company and world-class cars." For Hale, that means product quality rankings in the top third of consumer surveys, employees who view the company as one of the top 100 places to work and dealers rating it in the top 10 franchises to own.

Hybrids with a power cord: Plug-in vans put to the test

BY JIM MOTAVALLI
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Are there plug-in hybrid vehicles America's future? Such hybrids could travel 10 to 20 additional miles on battery power alone, but recently automakers have said more or less unanimously — that it's not practical to add a larger battery pack and plug-in chargers to hybrid vehicles because of the added weight, complexity and cost. The public is already confused about hybrids, they say, with many people still believing that these (whose batteries are charged by their internal-combustion engines) need to be plugged in. So why hybrids really will have a better cord?

New York City's first vehicle in its small test fleet of Dodge Sprinter delivery vans with plug-in-hybrid powertrains. The Sprinters can drive 20 miles on batteries alone, powered by a 70-kilowatt electric motor. The three Sprinters currently in the United States (built in Germany with either diesel or gasoline engines) are the van-garage concept vehicles in a four-truck fleet; another three dozen will enter service around the world.

This does not necessarily mean that DaimlerChrysler will make plug-in production Sprinters for sale, but the company appears to be warming to the concept.

Other companies are mulling the idea, too.

Ford Motor's chairman, William Clay Ford Jr., said in May that his

company was "keenly looking at" the technology. At Toyota, Dave Hermance, executive engineer for advanced technology vehicles, confirmed that the company has started a research and development program for plug-ins. "But we believe the batteries are not ready for production," he added.

According to a Bloomberg News report in June, General Motors is also developing a plug-in hybrid. Even Google.org, a charitable for-profit company set up by the popular search engine provider, said it would create its own plug-in system.

A June report by AllianceBernstein, an investment management firm in New York, entitled "The Emergence of Hybrid Vehicles," concluded that "Plug-in hybrid ve-

hicles are likely to arrive as an extension of current hybrid technology." The fuel-efficiency gains, the report said, "would be enormous for those people who typically drive only short distances each day."

Plug-ins, like all hybrids, excel in stop-and-go duty. And their ability to make those runs on batteries alone makes them ideal for the delivery tasks envisioned for the Sprinter project.

The Electric Power Research Institute, a trade association for utilities, estimates that a plug-in hybrid would consume 2,000 to 2,500 kilowatt-hours of grid electricity annually. So wouldn't vehicles like the plug-in hybrid Sprinter simply transfer their pollution source from the tailpipe to the smokestack of a coal-burning

power plant?

That depends on the source of electric power, according to a report released last month by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, a nonprofit energy policy group. The council concluded that a plug-in version of the Toyota Prius could reduce carbon dioxide emissions by a third compared with today's Prius hybrid, but only if its batteries were charged with California electricity — generated mainly from relatively clean sources.

"One of the key determinants is whether the electricity is generated using coal," Jim Kliesch, a co-author of the report, said in an interview. The report says that in a part of the Midwest dominated by coal-burning power plants, a plug-in Prius would generate 1 percent more carbon dioxide. "Our position is that overselling plug-ins to policymakers or to John Q.

Public has the potential of causing disenchantment with the technology," Kliesch said.

But the plug-in concept has long been championed by environmentalists and green-minded entrepreneurs, some of whom have added battery packs and chargers to existing hybrids like the Prius and the Ford Escape. On short commuting runs, these cars wouldn't need to start their gasoline engines, allowing their champions to claim very high potential economy figures. But some home-made plug-in hybrids have had problems adapting to the software of the cars' sophisticated on-board computers.

This DaimlerChrysler introduction is the beginning of the automakers' fulfilling our dreams," said Felix Kramer, a founder of CalCars.org, which has championed plug-in hybrids and helped build prototypes. "It's very encouraging."

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The love affair with motor scooters runs beyond gas mileage

BY EDWARD M. EVELD
KANSAS CITY STAR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It could be a critical moment for motor scooters.

No doubt we're buying the heck out of scooters compared with just a few years ago. Colorful and shiny Vespas and Kymcos buzz our boulevards.

So are we on our way to a new motoring look, all European and Asian?

Future gas prices could hold the answer. Or other less tangible issues might. Take the cool factor, for one.

Twenty-year-old Brenna Spurgeon zips to work on her black Vespa, never quite sure if the scene she's creating is hip or dorky. Not that she cares. But people do smile. Are they laughing?

On a scooter, are you stylishly elegant or a goof who can't afford regular transportation, like Terry the Toad from "American Graffiti"?

We talked to scooter buyers to see what they were thinking. As we suspected, motor vehicle purchases have to do with a lot of other stuff besides miles-per-gallon — style, psychology, personal history. Here are snippets from those conversations:

Deb Herr

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Retired
Rides a Yamaha Vino 125, burgundy

Serious scooting thoughts: My brother died unexpectedly last year. He was the type of guy who didn't delay anything. He lived life

to the fullest. I'm more of a saver and a planner. I thought, "This should be a message to me." Gas prices started going up, and I said, "This is my chance."

Serious transportation: I use it every chance I get. I think of reasons to use it. I use it to run errands, to go to physical therapy. I do some grocery shopping on it.

And not so serious: I'm retired. I have M.S., and I've had to give up a lot of activities — racquetball, bicycling. I did the MS 150 bike ride for several years. This takes me the same place my bike used to. It's a great sensation, very freeing. I go out on Sunday mornings.

That other vehicle: The SUV only comes out once a month now. I use it for a big grocery shopping trip or if I have to haul my dog somewhere.

Scooter talk: I belong to a forum on the Web (autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/vino125girls). It's with other women motorscooterists. Most of the gals are over 40. We talk about our scooters, even decorating them. We call it blinging. I'm probably the least blingy of the group. I bought a really nice clock but haven't installed it yet.

Brenna Spurgeon

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Student
Rides a 2005 Vespa ET4, 150 cc, black

Scooting thoughts: I had a car but it broke down. Then I was biking a lot. I decided I needed something else. I don't even like driving cars, and I don't like paying for gas. Parking permits at (school) are

expensive. I didn't want to invest in a car and then not drive it much.

Short-distance riding: To work and over to friends' houses. I don't like to drive on busier streets. I work at (a sub shop), and that takes me about 10 minutes on the Vespa. I studied in Portugal from January to June of this year. It was really frustrating seeing everyone else driving around on their Vespas.

Cold wind doth blow: I might switch to biking in the winter. It's so cold to be on your Vespa in the winter. When you're on your bike you're generating your own heat.

Getting a license: I heard the motorcycle test at the DMV was hard, so I took a motorcycle training class. You have to pass the course to get a license. It was several days, alternating book work and driving around on a motorcycle. When I got back on my Vespa, it felt so little.

Getting noticed: I always wear a helmet. It makes me look like a bobblehead doll. And I wear lighter clothing. You don't want to wear all black on a black Vespa at night. I have one of those red flashing lights so people can see me when they come up from behind.

Patrick Adams

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Operations director of
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Two ca 1975 Vespa Sprint Veloce, 150 cc, blue, and a 2005 Vespa Granturismo, 200 cc, black.

Serious scooting thoughts: They've always intrigued me. I was always attracted to the shape and



DEB HERR OF KANSAS CITY, MO., bought her first scooter last year. "It's a great sensation, very freeing," she says. "I go out on Sunday mornings. I like zooming down Lee Boulevard enjoying the scenery."



PATRICK ADAMS HAS TWO SCOOTERS. This one is a 1975 Vespa Sprint Veloce. "I feel much more comfortable riding a scooter than a car. You can dodge things a little more easily," he says.

the styling. Their construction is pretty cool. They're kind of funny. And they're not like a motorcycle, loud and obnoxious.

Feeling the ride: When you're riding you're more aware of what's going on around you. It's a different viewpoint. You can hear and really see what's going on. It's a different sensation. I feel much more comfortable riding a scooter than a car. You can dodge things a little more easily.

Going places: I drive to work. I get groceries. I have room in the top case for two bags of groceries, for sure. I have a rack on the front, and I've carried a crate of records up there.

Miles-per-gallon a factor: In a way, kind of, and in a way, no. You do notice a big difference. Literally I could spend \$3 and drive a whole

week.

Must-have accessories

Helmet: One with face protection is ideal. Typical prices from \$60 to \$250.

Eyewear: If your helmet doesn't have eye protection, you need goggles against bugs and debris, \$20 and up.

Jacket: Breathable mesh jackets have padding, which could help in a fall. Expect prices starting at \$150.

Gloves: Helpful especially on long rides. \$20 to \$30.

Lock: You can go cheap for about \$20 or get heavy-duty protection with a cable lock; prices from \$50 to \$140.

Sources: Vera Thomson, sales manager, Vespa Kansas City; Austin Hattaway, sales associate, Scooter

World.

Scooter miscellany

Demographic shift: Median age of scooter owner in 1990: 28. In 2003: 46.

Definition: Scooters typically less powerful and weigh less than motorcycles, have automatic transmissions and are lower to the ground with step-through designs.

Top speed: A 50 cc scooter, about 40 mph. A 150 cc, about 60 mph. A 250 cc, about 80 mph.

Miles per gallon: Depends on the engine, but 85 mpg is average.

Brands: Vespa, Kymco, Suzuki, Bajaj, Yamaha and Honda are the most popular.

Prices: \$2,000 to \$6,000 for many popular models. Source: Motorcycle Industry Council.

New models will bear watching as carmakers raise stakes for 2007

BY MARK PHELAN
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From the Honda Accord to the Chevrolet Silverado, a handful of new cars and trucks that will go on sale over the next 12 months could determine the success of the companies that make them.

Some replace existing models, while others move automakers into new corners of the market where they hope to boost sales and profit. Nearly all share a higher emphasis on fuel economy and design flair.

The new models are especially key for struggling General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. The Chrysler Group also unveils the newest versions of its crucial minivans. Seven key upcoming vehicle lines could account for up to 2.5 million sales a year. That amounts to the output of as many as a dozen assembly plants, and employment for thousands of people.

The new model year traditionally begins this month. New models now arrive year-round, but this is a good time to size up the year's market movers.

Chevrolet Silverado

Vehicle type: Full-size pickup.
Why it matters: The Silverado full-size pickup is GM's best-selling vehicle, and it's a cash cow that supports the whole corporation. The new model arrives at a time of high gas prices and tough new competition, but GM is promoting its fuel economy and refinement heavily.

It's going to "be a knife fight for full-size pickup sales," said Jim Hall, vice president for industry analysis at consultant AutoPacific.

The Silverado "is GM's tipping point for 2007," said Rich Homan, editor in chief of Edmunds' InsideLine Web site. "The Silverado has been all but invulnerable for a number of years. If the new model isn't what the customer wants, it's trouble."

The Silverado, and its upscale cousin, the GMC Sierra, go on

sale this fall.

Key selling points: Class-leading highway fuel economy of 22 mpg, workhorse capability and a practical and attractive interior.

Bottom line: The fate of the world, or at least GM's turnaround, hinges on the Silverado's success. **Toyota Tundra**
Vehicle type: Full-size pickup.
Why it matters: The biggest and most powerful pickup Toyota has ever built, the all-new Tundra will roll out of assembly plants in Indiana and Texas. It's Toyota's most direct and serious challenger ever to perennial money-makers like the Dodge Ram, Ford F-150 and Chevrolet Silverado. The Tundra goes on sale in the first half of 2007.

"Toyota doesn't need the Tundra for its profits, but it matters for the company's image," said Michelle Krebs, freelance journalist and North American Car and Truck of the Year juror. "The Tundra is important to Toyota's goal of being perceived as a full-line automaker."

It's anybody's guess how well the Tundra will sell versus the perennial favorites, but Toyota can mix production of the Tundra with other models, so it's less vulnerable to slow sales than Ford or GM, Hall said.

Key selling points: Toyota name and reputation. Big, powerful V8 engine and big-truck towing capacity.

Bottom line: Toyota is a marginal player in full-size pickups. The Tundra could change that for good.

Ford Edge

Vehicle type: Compact SUV.
Why it matters: The stylish Edge is Ford's competitor to popular models like the Honda CR-V and Nissan Murano. The Edge is considered a crossover for its carlike engineering and is based on the same structures as Ford's strong-selling Fusion midsize sedan. Key features include the

company's new 265-horsepower V6, optional all-wheel-drive and a six-speed automatic transmission. The Edge goes on sale late this year.

Ford executives call the Edge the automaker's most important vehicle coming this year.

"It's important because Ford doesn't have many new vehicles coming and the company sure could use a winner," Krebs said. "It looks like a really good vehicle."

"Ford has a lot riding on the Edge," which could give it a boost by snagging sales from import brands, Hall said.

"It's my wait-and-see vehicle," Homan said. "Ford needs to make its case. There's a lot of good competition out there."

Key selling points: Styling, power, probable low base price and good fuel economy.

Bottom line: The best hope Ford has to reverse falling sales in its vital truck business. Lincoln will also offer a version, the MKX.

Honda Accord

Vehicle type: Midsize sedan.
Why it matters: It's the car that defines Honda and is the second largest selling car in the United States next to the Toyota Camry. Toyota tried to move into the Accord's turf with its curvy new Camry this year. Honda must return the serve, but insiders who have seen the upcoming Accord say its looks may be a bit too conservative. The Accord goes on sale about a year from now.

"It's the car that makes Honda what it is, but it's no longer enough just to build a very good front-wheel-drive sedan," Homan said. "There are more players in the game today than are very good, including the Koreans."

"Honda's going to have to consider styling and pay more attention to price than before. The midsize sedan market is price, price, price."

Key selling points: Reliability; huge, loyal owner base; perception that Honda is the smart

choice for drivers who want more style and performance than a Camry offers.

Bottom line: Expectations are high. The Accord will need drop-dead looks, good performance and a low base price to meet them.

Nissan Altima

Vehicle type: Midsize sedan.

Why it matters: It doesn't get much attention, but the Altima is by far Nissan's best-selling model, and was the fifth best-selling car in the United States last year. The new version is bigger and promises a quieter and more refined ride. Sales begin this fall.

"It's Nissan's dominant car," Homan said. "With the Altima's styling and performance, there's no reason for Nissan not to be back at the head of the table with Honda and Toyota."

The new car's looks may be too similar to the outgoing model, however.

"My question is whether Nissan is playing it too safe with the styling," Krebs said. "The company's turnaround was accomplished with head-turning, high-risk styling. It looks like they're having a hard time figuring out what the second act is."

Key selling points: Styling, power, price

Bottom line: The Altima is the first test of whether Nissan's revival has legs.

Chrysler Town & Country, Dodge Caravan

Vehicle type: Minivan.

Why it matters: Chrysler invented the minivan and it remains the sales leader, but Honda and Toyota have eroded its dominance. Chrysler sources say the new minivan will be more stylish, but do they also have another winning innovation like stow-and-go seating up their sleeves? The new minivans go on sale in 2007.

"The minivan market is brutal," Hall said. "There are more great entries every year. Chrysler has

the most to lose to the new players because it is the industry leader."

The minivans are "bread-and-butter vehicles for Chrysler," Krebs said. "It's risky if they get too radical with the styling. The minivan market doesn't like that."

Key selling points: Loyal owners, high quality, history of inventing popular new features.

Bottom line: More striking looks may be nice, but it could take another breakthrough feature like the dual sliding doors pioneered to keep the Town & Country, Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan on top.

Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia, Saturn Outlook

Vehicle type: Midsize SUV.

Why it matters: GM's trinity of new SUVs are vital to three of its brands, and should give it fuel-efficient competitors to hot-selling models like the Honda Pilot, Lexus RX330 and Toyota Highlander. Standard equipment will include a six-speed automatic transmission and curtain air bags. The Outlook and Acadia go on sale this year; the Enclave follows in 2007.

"I've seen them, sat in them and looked over their specifications, and I can't help believing in them," Homan said. "They look like real players. They've got the styling to get them in the door; the rest is up to price, quality and GM's dealers."

The SUVs "are important because they get GM into a market segment that's growing rapidly," Krebs said. Some people call such SUVs crossovers because their basic engineering is more like a car than a pickup.

Key selling points: Interior room and flexibility, carlike ride and fuel efficiency, V8 available in some models.

Bottom line: They look good inside and out, and give GM its first credible entries in a growing segment. Could boost GM sales at the expense of arch competitor Toyota.

Stay cool a highway work zone

MEDIA NEWS GROUP

A road work zone can pose a number of safety risks to drivers and workers in the area. So, it is in everyone's best interest to follow seriously work zone safety. Here are a few driving tips to follow when entering through a work zone.

■ Keep on your toes for the unexpected when approaching a work zone. Normal speed limits drop and traffic lanes may close or disappear due to closures.

■ Ease up on the gas pedal. Speeding is a key reason for work zone crashes.

■ Maintain a safe distance between your car and the car in front of you. Tailgating can end up in an accident. Also, keep a safe distance away from construction workers and their equipment.

■ Heed all warning signs. There are there to help guide you, other drivers safely through work zones. One of the last signs in a work zone usually indicates you've left the work zone.

■ Obey road crew flaggers. Keep traffic moving at a safe pace through a work zone.

■ Keep your focus on the road and minimize distractions, such as using a cell phone or flipping through radio while driving.

■ Stay patient and expect delays. Television, radio and Web will often inform motorists of coming road work and provide information about the work zone's flow.

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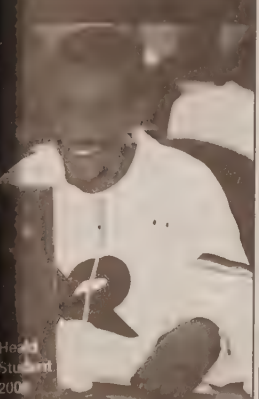
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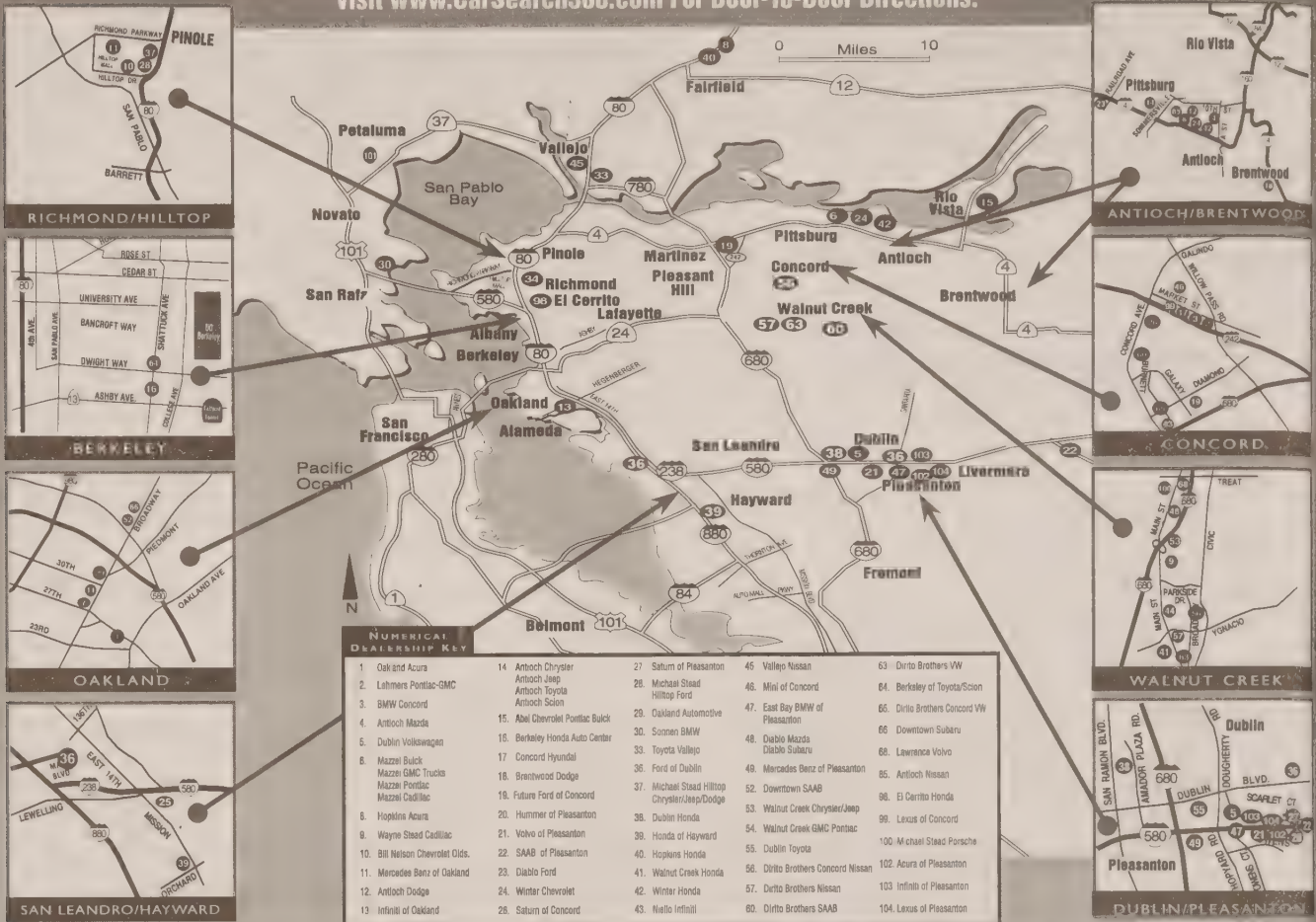
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What does your office cubicle look like? Dull? Drab? Messy? Inspiring? We thought so. But it doesn't have to be that way. How about turning your little piece of the office into a "tikicube" complete with a hula-skirted desk, wall that depicts a sea scene, coral branches, a potted palm, a rattan rug and, of course, a small plastic gyrating hula dancer? Or if you'd rather sleep than work, how about a "nappcube" with midnight blue walls with stars, a collection of alarm clocks, a central dispenser, and fluffy pillows and a mat casually tossed on the floor underneath your desk? Your boss won't let you crawl under your desk and take a nap or surf the Internet? Pity.

But if the big kahuna is willing to let you run wild with the decor or you want to spruce up your home office, take a look at "Cubechic: Take Your Office Space from Drab to Fab," (Quirk Books, \$15.95) by Seattle home and garden writer Kelley Moore.

Of course, you probably would not want to follow all the decor ideas in the book, unless you really want a "casino cube," with green felt walls that look like a blackjack table, a fake slot machine and gold lame fringe around the desk.

And the life-size cardboard Marilyn Monroe might not make it past the human resources department. Just consider these inspirations to help you be a bit more creative with your workspace, which, in turn, might inspire you to be more creative in your work.

"The beleaguered work cubicle, the subject of so many jokes, presents a proverbial blank canvas," Moore writes.

Kelly Moore's decor ideas

■ **The zencube:** Glue some bamboo to the wall; add a desk-top sand garden, copper fountain, feng shui candles and floor lamp with lantern-like shades to eliminate negative energy.

■ **Golfcube:** Use artificial turf as wallpaper. Add a few golf balls in a jar, and set your clubs in a corner instead of in the garage.

■ **Indiacube:** Drape red and saffron silk saris for wall coverings. Cover the desk in gold lame, add some brass accessories and carved wood bookends.

■ **Librarycube:** Cover shelves and walls with faux crocodile

leather, turn a humidifier into a catch-all for paperclips, etc., cover desk with green faux leather. Accessorize with a brass coat rack, derby hat, a green-glass library-table lamp.

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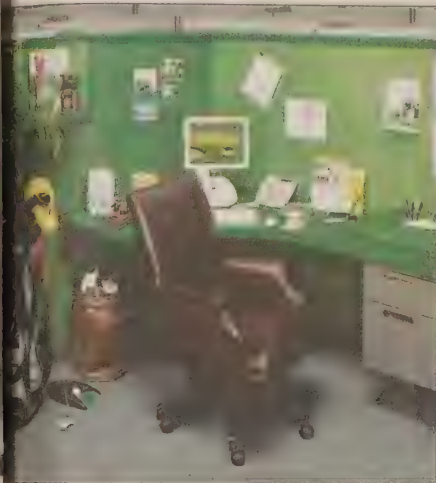
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■ Vinyl is the least forgiving material to work with. A hair dryer removes creases on it. Don't use velcro on the material or it will buckle. Straight pins and tacks are better.

■ If you use a textured material to cover your desk, place clear vinyl over it to create a writing surface.



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HOW ABOUT TURNING your little piece of the office into a "tikicube," with artificial turf as wallpaper, a few golf balls in a jar and set your clubs in the corner.



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OR A "TIKICUBE," complete with a hula-skirted desk, a wall that depicts a sea scene, a potted palm and a small plastic gyrating hula dancer.



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OR A "NAPCUBE," with midnight blue walls with stars, a collection of alarm clocks, and fluffy pillows with a mat casually tossed on the floor underneath your desk.

Man's yard art gives people reasons to smile

BY SHANE GRABER
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

SALEM, Ill. — Richard Pollard is in his backyard, beaming with pride in his special crop. It's not like his special crop. It's, after all, one of his finest. He said.

"Everybody's yard ought to be this."

A front-yard sign saying "Agricultural Test Plot" points to the back. Pollard, 73, started in 2000 — in the spring, of course — and it took nine months to complete. He now has 337 plants, shiny chrome bumpers and a floodlight on it at night.

"I probably got the biggest bumper crop in the U.S.," he said. "I don't know anybody else got one." The bumper crop 80 miles west of St. Louis is just one piece of Pollard's acre-and-a-half backyard spectacle. Bus tours actually come along Route 37, north of town of about 7,000, just to see it.

It's a regular tourist attraction,"

said longtime Salem Mayor Leonard Ferguson. "He has quite a sense of — well, I don't know what you'd say — uniqueness? Very interesting. He has a sharp mind. He's like an artist."

Pollard struggled with that description. He's uncertain where he gets his ideas and can't really explain the interest.

"Ever since I was a kid I've been collecting oddball stuff. Speaking of oddball stuff..."

And the yard tour is under way. He planted a Beechcraft Musketeer airplane at an angle nose-first in his backyard. He shines a floodlight on it at night.

"Somebody asked me, 'Are you married?'" Pollard said. "I said, 'Yes.' He asked me why she lets me get away with this. I said, 'Get away with it? She wanted it in the front yard.'"

Pollard has a shoe-tree with a bunch of painted shoes in it. He has a credit card tree with a bunch of credit cards in it. His first project was the "Official Marion County Bell

Wagon." It has a lot of bells on it.

Some of Pollard's art gets some use. Like his Pot Rod. He mounted a toilet to his riding lawnmower and attached a bathtub as a sidecar. He uses the Pot Rod in parades. It spits fire out the back.

"In fact, I put flame throwers on just about everything."

A 1971 VW Beetle painted like a lady bug sits on six stilts.

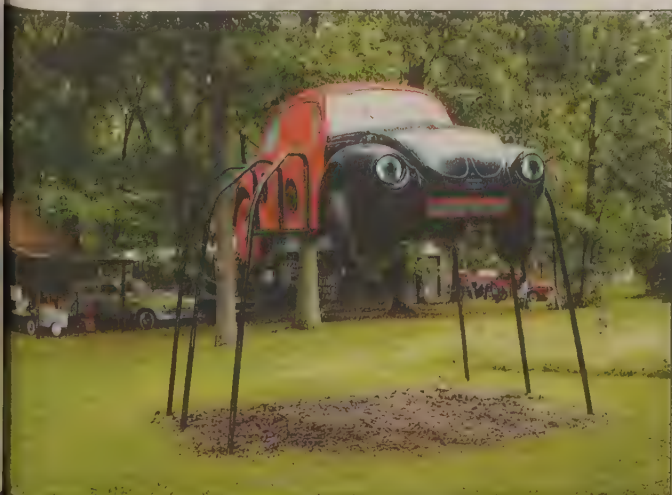
"About the only thing I can't collect anymore are young women," he said.

A dinosaur — brontosaurus? brachiosaurus? — made of a digging chain, drive shafts, a drill and two oil pans is planted in front.

"Built by Arvie Shuler Born May 29, 1917 Died Sept. 9, 2004. Thanks for the memory," the plaque on it says.

Not built. Build. Finally, far in the back, is a satellite dish he painted like his signature smiley face. Pollard puts

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DAVID CARSON/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

RICHARD POLLARD MADE this "Lady Bug" out of an old Volkswagen Beetle in Salem, Ill.



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THE HUGE SMILEY FACE is made out of an old satellite dish.



RICHARD POLLARD, 73, has an eclectic mix of items scattered about his yard including 337 chrome bumpers he "planted" in the ground.



POLLARD DIDN'T MAKE this metal dinosaur, but purchased it because he thought it would go well with the other oddities he has on this property, including the airplane below.

Art

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a smiley face on just about everything — including all of his folding money. He has a stamp he uses, and he doesn't care whether it's legal or not. It's his money, after all, he said.

The moment Pollard saw Betty at the ABC Pub here in Salem, he asked her if she was married. She said no. He asked her if she wanted to get married. She said no (well, kind of, except not so polite).

Five years later to the day, on March 21, 1982, they got married at the church across the road from where Pollard grew up. They got in his Corvette and drove down to New Orleans for their honeymoon. Betty Pollard still won't let her husband sell that car.

"It's like living with the circus," Betty Pollard, 66, said about her husband. "That's what I tell people."

But that's not what kept them together.

"He's a totally good person," she said. "I'd been out of business if everyone was like him."

Betty Pollard is a retired prison guard.

Richard Pollard grew up in the same spot where he still lives. As a kid, he always tried to have a different car than everyone else. As an adult, he spent 15 years reading meters for a gas company. Then he started his used car business.

Pollard has peddled used cars in Salem for about 30 years now. Business comes in waves. He sold three cars last week but none the week before that.

Frank Richards Jr., 72, sold new Fords and Mercurys across town for about 20 years. When people didn't qualify for a car loan, he'd send them to Pollard.

"He helps a lot of people that aren't able to buy a car and get financing. He does a lot of good there," Richards said. "He's just a very considerate and kind-hearted person."

Pollard's artistic visions aren't always a hit. A few Halloweens ago, he set up a yard display with a car and a dummy. It looked as if the car had fallen on a man while he was working on it.

"This caused a lot of disturbance

amongst people driving by," the mayor said. "Eventually, the police had to go out and ask him to please remove it. It was interesting, but it was also disturbing people."

Neighbors don't mind, though. His sister lives on one side, and his car lot is on the other side. In back are about 250 junkers he uses for parts.

"Probably if I had a million dollars, I'd still mess with this junk," he said.

Pollard has at least one more artistic vision. He said he planned to erect a couple of totem poles — one made of wood, the other of car parts — in the front yard.

"I don't want to get old, but I'm getting there," Pollard said. "I hope I don't run out of ideas."

He already has one leg in the ground, he said. A machine tore his leg off when he was working in the oil fields in 1957. So he has planned ahead. Pollard already has a headstone at East Lawn Cemetery near Salem. On it, he has a picture of his house and his Lincoln, and a mailbox so he'll still get mail.

"And of course," he said, "I've got a smiley face on there."



DAVID CARSON/ST. LOUIS P.

Simple maintenance tasks ensure clean clothes and avoid repair headache

REPAIRCLINIC.COM
CANTON, Mich. — As kids head back to school, parents nationwide are bracing for a lot more laundry. Somehow, kids manage to attract enormous amounts of dirt from school playgrounds, making the washer a truly mission-critical appliance at this time of year. Chris Hall, president of RepairClinic.com, and his team of appliance repair experts are standing by with free DIY advice and tips for busy parents.

"There are some simple steps that appliance owners should take to prevent expensive washing machine problems," says Hall, whose

company, RepairClinic.com, provides consumers with the information and parts they need to fix their appliances. "We always recommend that our customers check the water hoses behind their washers each year. They are easy to replace, but if they are worn they may burst, which can flood a home with thousands of gallons of water."

Common washing machine problems and some DIY fixes

1. If the washer seems to be out of balance, won't spin properly, or bangs and rocks exces-

sively, it's probably not perfectly level. Adjusting the leveling feet or strengthening the floor under the washer will often fix this problem. For more information: http://www.repairclinic.com/0088_112.asp#Level1_2.

2. If your washer drains water but doesn't spin, it could be a defective lid switch. The switch is located inside the washing machine main housing, near the lid frame. You might have to raise or open the top or possibly even remove the entire cabinet of the washing machine to get to the switch. Appliance cabinets and panels are easy to remove once you know where the hidden screws and clips are. RepairClinic.com can help

guide you through this.

3. If your washer spins but won't drain, the pump might be faulty. One of the most typical pump problems is a blockage caused by small items left in clothes. These small items can jam or block the pump and prevent it from working efficiently. A replacement pump usually costs between \$50 and \$100. The RepairClinic PartDetective can help find the right pump for your washer: <http://www.repairclinic.com/0070.asp>.

How to prevent costly water leaks

1. Check the rubber hoses that supply water to the clothes

washer. If there are any signs of wear and tear such as cracks, blisters or bumps in the hoses, replace them immediately. If they haven't been replaced in five years, replace them anyway. Use stainless steel hoses for more peace of mind. Total cost: under \$20. For more information: <http://www.repairclinic.com/0081.asp?RccPartID=587617&Acc=1>.

2. Use a washing machine drip pan to collect any water from a spill or leak. The pan has a fitting to allow it to be connected to the household drain pipes for larger spills or leaks. Total cost: under \$35. For more information: <http://www.repairclinic.com/0081.asp?RccPartID=2800&Acc=1>.

Many more tips available online

Cleaning tips, maintenance instructions, parts and cleaning plies for these projects and more all be found at RepairClinic.com. Consumers can ask the RepairClinic's online help wizard for help with most every major appliance repair question.

Consumers can visit www.repairclinic.com for free appliance help or call a customer service representative at 800-269-2626 for help locating specific parts.

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WILDWOOD DADS CLUB

PIEDMONT — The Wildwood Dad's Club Pumpkin Patch officially opens Saturday, Oct. 7. Come buy your pumpkins and fall decorations. Choose from dozens of different pumpkin varieties, Indian corn, dried leaves, corn stalks and more. Some call them gourds, we call them art. Are you a child artist? Bring in your best Halloween picture on the official WWDC Pumpkin Patch entry form, and we'll hang your picture in the patch. Participants receive a free treat. Come see Giant Jack, the incredible enormous pumpkin. Can you guess his weight? Yes, he is more than 100 pounds.

The patch is located on Moraga Avenue on Coaches Field

and it is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and 4 to 6 p.m. on weekdays from Oct. 7 through Halloween. Wildwood dads and moms wishing to help should contact Robert Crown at 510-832-3070 or email: adjust-crown@sbcglobal.net.

To help get ready, all dads and kids are encouraged to join us for the Pumpkin Patch Set-Up Party on Saturday morning, Oct. 7, from 8-10 a.m. Coffee, bagels and donuts will be served. Bring your kids. Bring your gloves. There is a lot to do and lots of fun for all.

WWDC is a 100-percent volunteer run, non-profit organization. All proceeds from the patch go to benefit the kids.

Tell a friend and see you there.

Monster Bash aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Museum

AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS HORNET MUSEUM

ALAMEDA — The Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Museum will hold its annual Monster Bash from 7:30 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28 onboard the ship located at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3 in Alameda. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Is the USS Hornet haunted? Bring the whole family and find out. The crew plans to give visitors a good fright throughout the evening with haunted tours and other treats. This family event will feature 1970's and 1980's dance music by David Martin's House Party, prizes for best costumes, a haunted house and food and bar concessions.

The Haunted Laboratory will be packed with evil professors doing

crazy experiments that might go wrong and Elvira's "Fright Stimulator" is sure to give party-goers a good jolt. Even the Hornet Spirits might get in the act.

To purchase tickets call 510-521-8448 ext. 282. For more information, visit www.hornetevents.com. Proceeds will benefit the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet Museum, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

The Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet is a world-class sea, air and space museum with an emphasis on the legacy and history of aircraft carriers, naval aviation and

the role of the US Navy in the space missions. Areas open for public tour include the flight deck, hangar deck, engine room, captain's bridge, ship's hospital, pilot ready rooms and combat information center. Displays include more than a dozen vintage aircraft along with the West Coast's

largest Apollo space collection. A registered State and National Historic Landmark, the USS net is permanently docked at former Naval Air Station Alameda and is open to the public daily. For more information: www.uss-hornet.org or call 521-8448.

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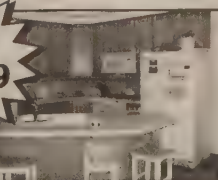
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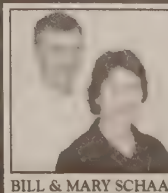
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BY JESSICA YADEGARAN
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

WALNUT CREEK — They are some of California's best, yet they still get carded. They are young, rebellious and sexy. They are winemakers who put screw in screw cap. Most have aged the vine a short time, but a shout-out to the Old World, to forge ahead on a journey to wine from the snobs and give back to the people.

Some come from wine families, carry shiny Davis degrees. Others are self-made majors on a whim. One and-a-half winner was nudged by a friend. But they are all making a name, whether by Tetra Pak, premium pinot or farmworker allegiance. So, raise your stemless Riedel, plastic flute — heck, they don't even use a Styrofoam cup — to the new generation of winemakers.

Pinot

What he makes: Pinot. And a little chardonnay.

Previous experience: Bernardus Winery, Carmel Valley; Peter Napa Valley Winery, Calistoga; Arentz Winery, South Africa.

What did the South Africans teach you? That tough conditions, low-nutrient soil and climate changes, can grow some really interesting flavors.

Old World or New World? "New World. We don't have the ability to get all the knowledge from Old World, so we have to keep reaching and making advances rather than sitting on our laurels."

If I weren't a winemaker, I'd be a doctor.

Inspiration: "My family. My grandfather is 86 and still works in the vineyard with my brother every day."

What's the future of wine in California? "Hopefully, pinot will be the future. It's not just a fad." Average spent on a bottle for a dinner: \$40.

Still drink beer? "Yes. Especially after harvest. They say it takes a beer to make a little wine."

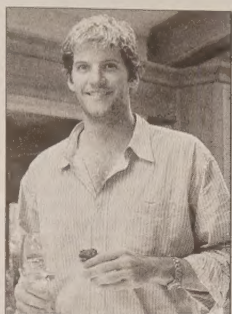
Has age ever been a drawback? "Sometimes it's difficult being young because people have this idea in their mind of a little old winemaker. Sometimes I wish I had more years to kick back on."

What kind of legacy do you want

to leave? "Hopefully, the same dedication to making great wine that my family had."

Karl Wente

How long have you been making wine? "Seven vintages, which is pretty crazy because I don't feel that old."



SUSAN TRIPP POLLARD/CONTRA COSTA TIMES

KARL WENTE POSES for portrait at the family home in Livermore. Wente, a wine maker, compliments a sun dried tomato mixture on polenta with a bottle of Wente 2003 Nth Degree Chardonnay.

"If I weren't a winemaker, I'd do something with music or basketball. Right now I'm coaching Granada High's boys varsity and recording music."

Old World or New World? "One world."

Is Livermore the next Napa? "It's never going to be huge. It can get up to 20,000 acres if we can get water to the north end. But in terms of quality, we're on par with anywhere in the world."

Favorite wine country: "Stellenbosch, South Africa."

Average spent on a bottle for weeknight dinner: \$37.50.

Still drink beer? "With alacrity."

You were named one of the East Bay's hottest eligibles. Still single? "Yes, currently single."

You worked a harvest in Australia. What did you learn? "I picked up little things, like going to barrel

halfway through the fermentation process on a syrah gives it that chocolate-nutty nose."

What's your goal as a winemaker? "Continuous improvement. Just to grow a better grape and make a better wine."

You're part of a legacy. Any major difference between you and them? "I notice more commonalities. Respect for the fruit."

For growing up in a wine family, you were a late wine bloomer. Why? "I just didn't think of it. When I got close to graduating from Stanford, I pushed myself to go for it. Then at UC Davis, I fell in love with it all: good food, good wine, good people, good music."

Describe your winemaking style: "Just making sure the fruit is the backbone of any wine and not trying to overwhelm it with any malolactic fermentation or anything."

Charles Bieler

Previous experience: "Chateau Rutas in Provence with dad, and a harvest in the Coonawarra region of Australia."

What did the Aussies teach you? "Don't put wine on a pedestal."

The three amigos: "Being anti-establishment, we (Joel Gott, Roger Scornegaglia) were all pretty bored with a timid wine industry. No one was really taking a lead on packaging in a different way."

Liberating fine wine: "In 2001, there was an ocean of premium wine inventory that had to be moved. We were able to low-ball high-end, small producers all over the place and repackaging it in a cool way. People were accusing us of being thieves."

Taking back the jug: "The jug was the classic American wine vessel, and it was almost dead. At the end of the day, you can put the best wine in a Dixie cup and the worst in a heavy glass, right?"

The legend of the box: "Tetra Pak is lightweight, recyclable, and you can take them anywhere. Juice boxes for big kids."

Rebel with a cause: "My dad wanted me to study wine, but of course anything your parents tell you to do, you do the opposite. So I went to Colorado and studied economics and skiied. I was a competitive, cross-country skier."

If I weren't a winemaker, I'd be a logger. There's something savage

about it."

Old World or New World? "I like the open-mindedness and progressiveness of the New World, but I'm charmed by the history and tradition of Europe. I root for the Old World to progress a little but not too much, so it maintains its essence."

The trouble with the New World: "The wines are becoming more and more the same."

Nice or Napa? "New York, actually. John F. Kennedy Airport is a seven-hour flight to Nice and six hours to Oakland."

Favorite wine country: "Southern France. From Provence to the Spanish border, there are a lot of exciting wines being made by small properties and maverick winemakers."

Average spent on a bottle for weeknight dinner: "You should never spend more than \$12 to get something good. Any dummy can go spend a lot of money."

Drink beer? "I drink a lot of beer. I'll choose beer over Champagne."

What kind of a legacy do you want to leave? "I want to be remembered as somebody who brought exciting things to the market. New ideas with merit, not just gimmicks."

Does your age influence your winemaking style? "Yes, it gives a lot of freedom because I'm not obstructed by ideas of how things should be."

Has it ever been a drawback? "Maybe since I look 12, I always feel that I have to overcompensate. Be bigger, louder, and have to assert myself."

Dave Phinney

Shout-out to the 'rents: "Orin is my dad's middle name and Swift is my mom's maiden name."

Previous experience: "Robert Mondavi Winery, and a six-month study-abroad in Italy."

How did Italy shape your winemaking style? "We were paying \$2.50 for a magnum of wine that was pretty good. It instilled the idea that you didn't have to be rich to enjoy wine."

How he got into wine: "My buddy Tom Traverso, who's part of a wine family. Tom said he couldn't see me being a lawyer. He was right."

If I weren't a winemaker, I'd be a farmer. That's my first love."

Giving back: "All the proceeds

from our Veladora Tofanelli Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc goes to Puertas Abiertas, a coalition that provides health services to farm workers without checking for immigration status. We should raise at least \$30,000 this year."

No registry: "In lieu of gifts at our wedding, my wife and I asked people to donate to the Napa Valley Farm Workers Housing Fund. We raised \$20,000."

The Prisoner, the star: "Ninety-five percent of the grapes that go into that red blend come from superb vineyards. We're putting a better product in the bottle than we should for that price. With that kind of success comes responsibility and stress to maintain the quality and price ratio."

Old World or New World? "New World. Having said that, I have huge respect for Old World wines. The most successful young winemakers are the ones who don't forget where we come from. We only get one shot a year, so when an old-timer is talking, I listen."

What's the future of wine in California? "Quality will continue. The bottom 15 percent of wine doesn't even exist anymore. There will continue to be a prevalence of small, boutique wineries."

The superior palate: "In general, females have better palates. When I taste with women, they might pick up 10 things when I pick up five."

Favorite grape: "Zinfandel. Because of the challenge. You think pinot's hard to make? Zin's harder. The uneven ripening, the way it swells in the tank, the high sugars."

Favorite wine country: "Joe Duarte's zinfandel vineyards in Oakley, Oh, and Spain."

Drink beer? "Oh yeah. Budweiser, out of the can. Wine confuses me enough. I don't need beer to confuse me."

Michelle Edwards

"Til vine do us part: "I met my fiancé at UC Davis; he's a viticulturist. No, we don't talk about wine all the time."

Previous wineries: Peter Michael Winery, J Vineyards & Winery, Colgin Cellars, wineries in Australia and Washington, her home state.

On the night shift: "I was doing quality control in Buronga three months straight with no days off. Everyone starts at the bottom rung, and that was mine. I preferred it. The managers weren't around. I'm Gen-X, so I don't love the corporate stuff."

You left pre-med to work in wine. Any regrets? "Well, I had to take the same classes to get a degree in enology, so it worked out. One thing that my generation, it is the 'Me' generation, so we have to find the meaning in the jobs we do."

What's the meaning in making wine? "You're adding to people's quality of life. To their meritment. It can be the remedy for one's ills."

Old World or New World? "We're Old World philosophy with innovative technology. We're not rustic. We demystify the past. I think when you're young you're not afraid to do that."

Women in wine: "In the Stag's Leap District alone there are five of us. I don't know why it seemed like a masculine thing in the first place. Maybe on the physical level, but besides that you've got to do a lot of multitasking, which women are good at it."

The palate thing: "My first degree is in anthropology, and we did study the element of woman as a super-taster. Basically, to ensure the fitness and survival of our species, we're eating for two when we're pregnant and picking up on bitter things — tannins."

Drink beer? "Yeah, during harvest in Washington, there was a keg in the winery to help us get through it."

How did it feel when you got your first 90-point rating? "I was happy and grateful. I thought the words were better than the score."

What's it like to get grades again? "I was a little naive to that when I first started out. It's difficult. You try not to be a sellout, but the business dictates that you sell wine."

What's the secret to making the good stuff? "A lot of winemaking is instinct; you either have it or you don't. You can't learn that in school."

If I weren't a winemaker, I'd probably go into medicine."

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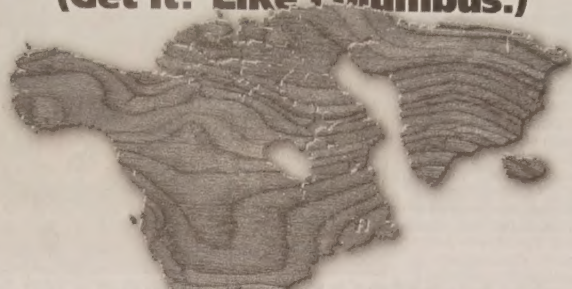
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In addition, the AquaVista 500 is a completely self-contained system that comes pre-assembled with proprietary wet-dry filtration, an air pump, overhead lighting, and heating system.

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The AquaVista 500 is available at Hammacher Schlemmer, Sky Mall and www.aquavista.com. Suggested retail price \$299.99.

Soyabella provides an easy way to make fresh soy milk at home

TRIBEST

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PAPYRUS

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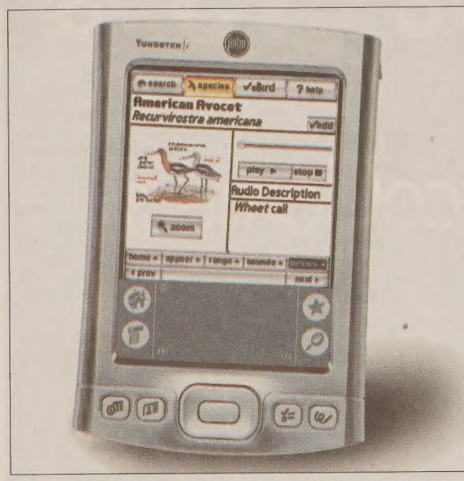
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National Geographic introduces first handheld digital field guide to North American birds

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The new National Geographic Handheld Birds is a digital breakthrough in birding. National Geographic, in collaboration with PullIn, a developer of educational software, is introducing a

North American multimedia software program with easy-to-use, mobile and interactive capabilities via a personal digital assistant (PDA), will empower birders of all ages. Featuring content, range maps, illustrations from the best-selling book "National Geographic Guide to the Birds of North America," this software will instantly transform any birding experience into a vibrant, expertly guided adventure.

National Geographic Handheld Birds includes more than 1,000 bird images and 650-plus range maps, plus other detailed information such as family, feeding plumage, similar species, and more. Birders can search through 867 North American bird species by location, size and color, swiftly transition from one bird to the next to easily compare and contrast unique characteristics. In addition, National Geographic Handheld Birds includes nearly four hours of actual birding calls from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, to assist with rapid identification in the field.

National Geographic Handheld Birds will be available as software loaded on a 128 MB SD card installed in the included Palm Tungsten E2 PDA device for \$499. The software will also be sold separately for \$249.99. Both products will be available at national geographic.com/handheldbirds and specialty retail locations.

For more information on National Geographic Handheld Birds, visit www.nationalgeographic.com/handheldbirds.

Walking Wings helps babies with first steps

UPSPRING

Baby's first step is an once-in-a-lifetime milestone and provides special care to the process of learning to walk is a priority among parents. UpSpring, a parenting company dedicated to offering parents the most innovative parenting products for baby development and safety, introduces Walking Wings (www.walkingwings.com), a new item that assists parents and babies through the "learning to walk" phase.

Walking Wings is a support vest which easily, comfortably and adjustably straps around the baby and has adjustable straps with detachable handles. The baby's feet will take flight as they take their unforgettable first steps into the world. This new product allows parents to be part of the learning to walk process as well as a fun way for baby to have fun and freely, naturally and learn to walk on their own.

The product is a natural extension to the "crouching down, pulling baby up" technique — typically, very uncomfortable for dad, grandparents, especially. Walking Wings is available nationally, including all Babies' stores and Target.com. The suggested retail price is \$24.99.

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